

Employees can buy time at award-winning Amex

Two weeks isn't cutting it to recharge your batteries or make all requisite stops during a summer jaunt across Europe?

If you're one of the 2,500 people fortunate enough to work for Amex Canada Inc. in Markham, you can simply purchase additional time off.

Employees can purchase up to five additional vacation days, by transferring unused health benefits.

It's one of several factors that helped land Amex on this year's Top 100 employers list.

Amex and IBM Canada Ltd., also in Markham, were selected from a list of 55,000 Canadian companies.

Accordingly, both companies are among the most applied to in the country.

In 2004, IBM received about 148,000 applications, second only to Bank of Montreal.

Some of the benefits of

working for IBM, one of York Region's largest companies, include an on-site fitness facility, popular food franchises, including Starbucks and Swiss Chalet, a social club, daycare, and three weeks vacation to start.

Companies were assessed in seven key areas, including work atmosphere, benefits, vacation time and training.

Best Western Parkway marking 60th year

A Richmond Hill hotel is turning back the clocks Wednesday as one lucky guest will be billed at 1946 rates.

The one-night promotion commemorates the Best Western Parkway Hotel's 60th anniversary.

One guest, staying at the Hwy. 7 hotel, will find a special card under their pillow entitling them to a \$5.40 room rate. That's less than the tax on a room by today's rates.

—Patrick Mangion

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Provision of Additional Capacity for the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant



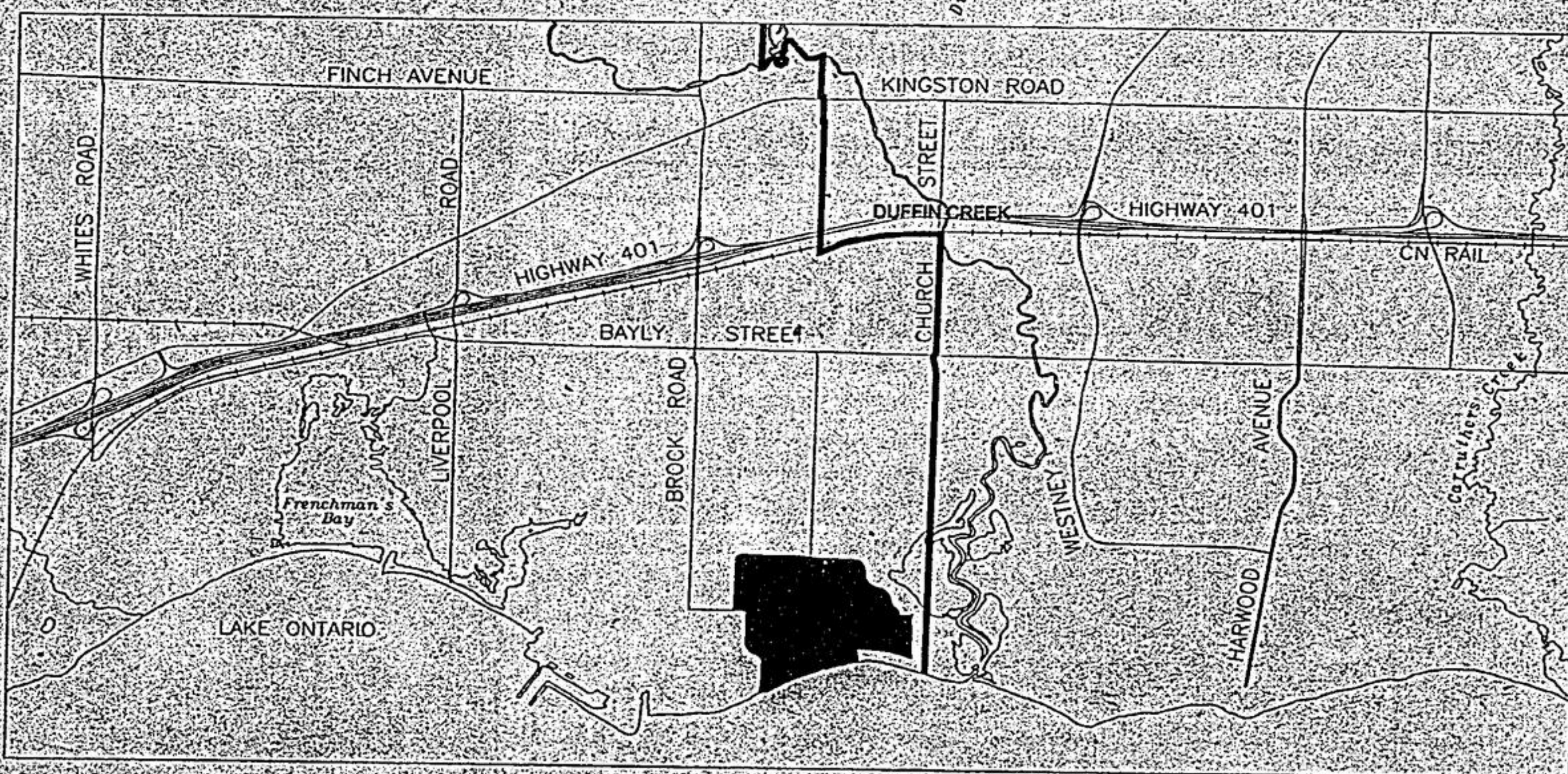
NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

The Regional Municipalities of York and Durham are undertaking a joint study to identify the preferred method of providing additional wastewater treatment capacity at the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) to service future growth in the urban areas of York and Durham Regions.

Located in the City of Pickering, the Duffin Creek WPCP treats the wastewater flows collected by the York-Durham Sewage System (YDSS), which provides sanitary sewer service to portions of York Region (Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Aurora, Markham & Vaughan) and Durham Region (Ajax & Pickering). Population and employment growth forecasted for the existing and future service areas of the YDSS will ultimately generate sanitary sewage flows beyond the existing capacity of the Duffin Creek WPCP. The Regions are seeking approval from the Ministry of the Environment to increase the average day capacity of the Duffin Creek WPCP from 420,000 cubic metres/day to 630,000 cubic metres/day.

This study is proceeding under **Schedule C** as described in the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (June 2000)* document. The Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) is a five-phase process that includes an extensive evaluation of the impacts of proposed projects on the technical, natural, social/cultural, and economic components of the environment. We are currently finalizing the **third phase** of the study, which involves an assessment of the alternative design concepts for expansion of the WPCP, and selection of a preferred expansion concept. Numerous studies are being carried out as part of this phase to identify the potential impacts of the preferred expansion concept, and measures for mitigating these impacts. The studies are scheduled for completion over the spring of 2006, and include a receiving water impact assessment, a natural features impact assessment, and odour, air emission, and noise assessments. The **fourth phase** of the study will involve the filing of an Environmental Study Report (ESR) for public review and comment. The ESR will include comprehensive details on the studies undertaken, data collected, issues raised by stakeholders, and any other matters covered during the study. The **fifth phase** will involve the implementation of the recommendations.

DUFFIN CREEK WPCP LOCATION



Members of the public are invited to attend an Information Centre on **Wednesday, April 5, 2006, between 6:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Ajax Community Centre, HMS Ajax Room, 75 Centennial Road, Town of Ajax.** A brief presentation will commence at 7:00pm. Attendees will have an opportunity to examine and provide comment on the preferred expansion strategy, as well as the plans for mitigating impacts. We encourage your involvement in this study.

Please visit the project web site at www.region.durham.on.ca/duffincreek for further information on this study. Project studies are being posted on the project web site as they become available. You may also contact either of the following:

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