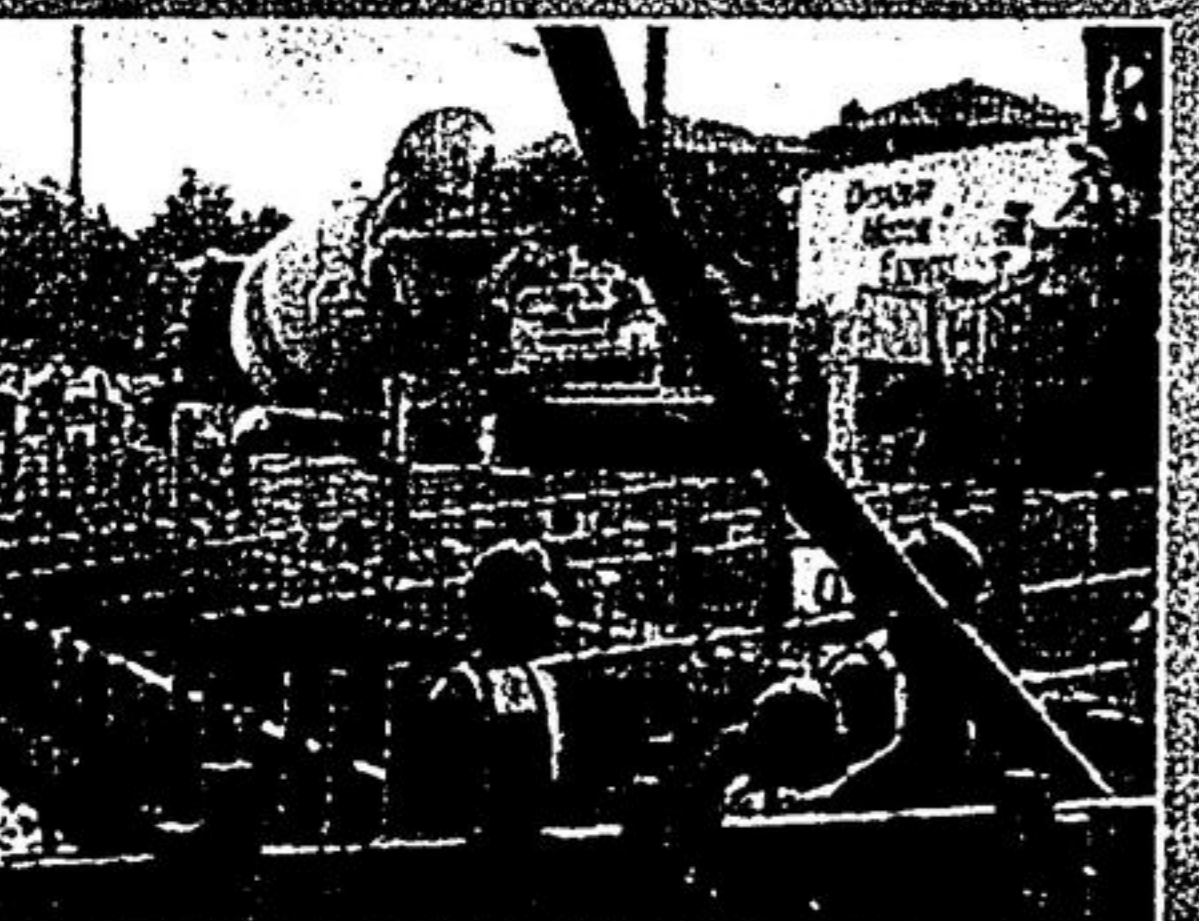
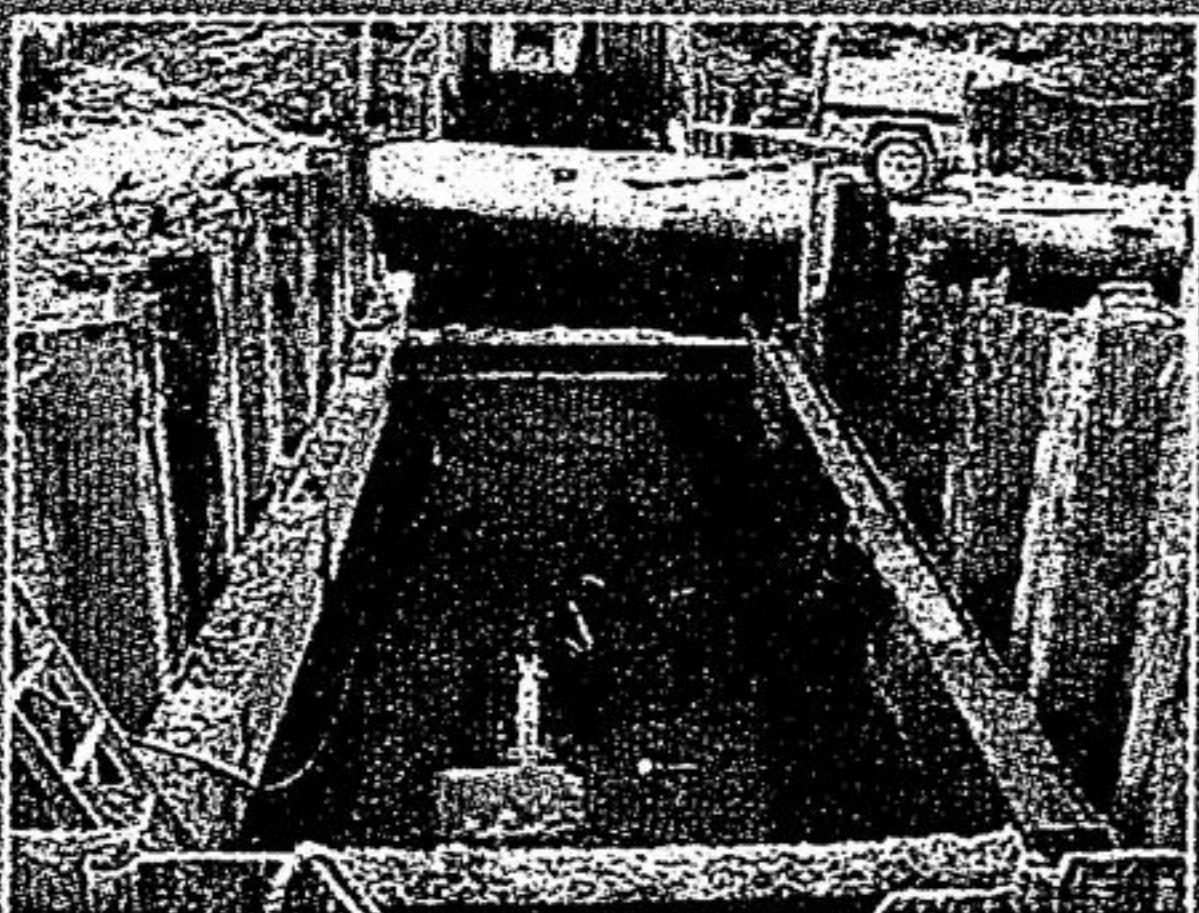


York REGION NEWS



Major Projects **Under Construction** Around York Region

Crews are hard at work throughout York Region on a number of construction projects. Some of these include road widening, pavement resurfacing and intersection improvements, while other projects involve the construction of pipes for drinking water and wastewater treatment.

All of these construction projects are a part of York Region's 10-year capital infrastructure plans and are being undertaken to provide services to York Region residents and businesses in a way that is sensitive to communities as well as the environment.

The Regional Municipality of York's annual budget includes more than \$393 million on roads and water/wastewater infrastructure projects in 2006 to ensure the highest quality of service for everyone who lives, works and plays in York Region - both now and into the future.

Examples of Road Construction Projects Currently Underway Include:

Markham Bypass - A new four-lane road from Highway 7 to north of 16th Avenue. (Expected completion in Fall 2006)

Bathurst Street from King Road to Wellington Street - Road widening from two lanes to four lanes. A large diameter watermain will be constructed as part of this project. (Expected completion in Fall 2007)

Teston Road from Weston Road to Jane Street - Road widening from two lanes to four lanes and construction of a new interchange at Highway 400. (Expected completion by Spring 2008)



Examples of Water/Wastewater Construction Projects Currently Underway Include:

Aurora-Newmarket Water Supply - Construction of an 18-kilometre watermain from Teston Road in Vaughan to Wellington Street in Aurora. (Expected completion by Spring 2007)

YDSS Interceptor Sewer (Lower Leslie Street/19th Avenue) - Construction of a 5.7 kilometre new sanitary trunk sewer on Leslie Street from 19th Avenue to Elgin Mills Road and the construction of a new sanitary sewer on 19th Avenue from Yonge Street to Leslie Street. (Expected completion in Fall 2007)

Additional construction projects can be found on the Regional Municipality of York Web site: www.york.ca

You asked:

What is the difference between Regional and local roadways?

Regional Roads (also known as arterial roads) are moderate or high-capacity roadways which carry large volumes of traffic between communities. These roads are often characterized by higher speeds, multiple traffic lanes, traffic signals and turning lanes at major intersections.

Examples of these include: Weston Road, Kennedy Road, Major Mackenzie Drive, major portions of Highways 9 and 7 and Yonge Street. York Region is responsible for routine maintenance of these roadways, including filling potholes and snow removal. Sidewalks along Regional roads are maintained by the local municipality.

Local Roads usually provide access to individual homes within neighbourhoods and subdivisions. These roads are characterized by short trip lengths, lower volume and lower speeds. Local municipalities are responsible for maintaining these roadways.

GIVE 'EM A BRAKE: Please obey all posted speed and caution signs in construction zones for your safety and for the safety of our construction crews.

York Region's Primary Businesses Include:

Transit | Regional Roads | Garbage Disposal and Diversion | Water Supply | Water and Wastewater Treatment | EMS | Long Term Care | Public Health Services | Social Assistance | Family and Children's Services | Housing and Residential Services | Planning and Development Services | Police Services

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