

Struggling families can keep warm this winter

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Families struggling to pay their heating and hydro bills can apply for Winter Warmth, a program that provides financial relief during the winter.

Six Ontario energy utilities, in partnership with the United Way, have kicked off their 2007-2008 program, including Enbridge Gas and local energy distributor Powerstream. This is the first year Powerstream, which serves Markham, Richmond Hill and Vaughan, is participating.

"It's a great way to lend a hand, especially during this time of year when it gets colder out there," Powerstream spokesperson Debbie Conte said.

In the 2006-2007 period alone, \$534,000 in funding went to help more than 1,500 households across five participating utility communities. This year, Winter Warmth will provide up to \$650,000 to help those in need.

According to a 2000 Ontario report from the Office of Energy Efficiency at Natural Resources Canada, winter space heating accounts for 62 per cent of the average energy bill.

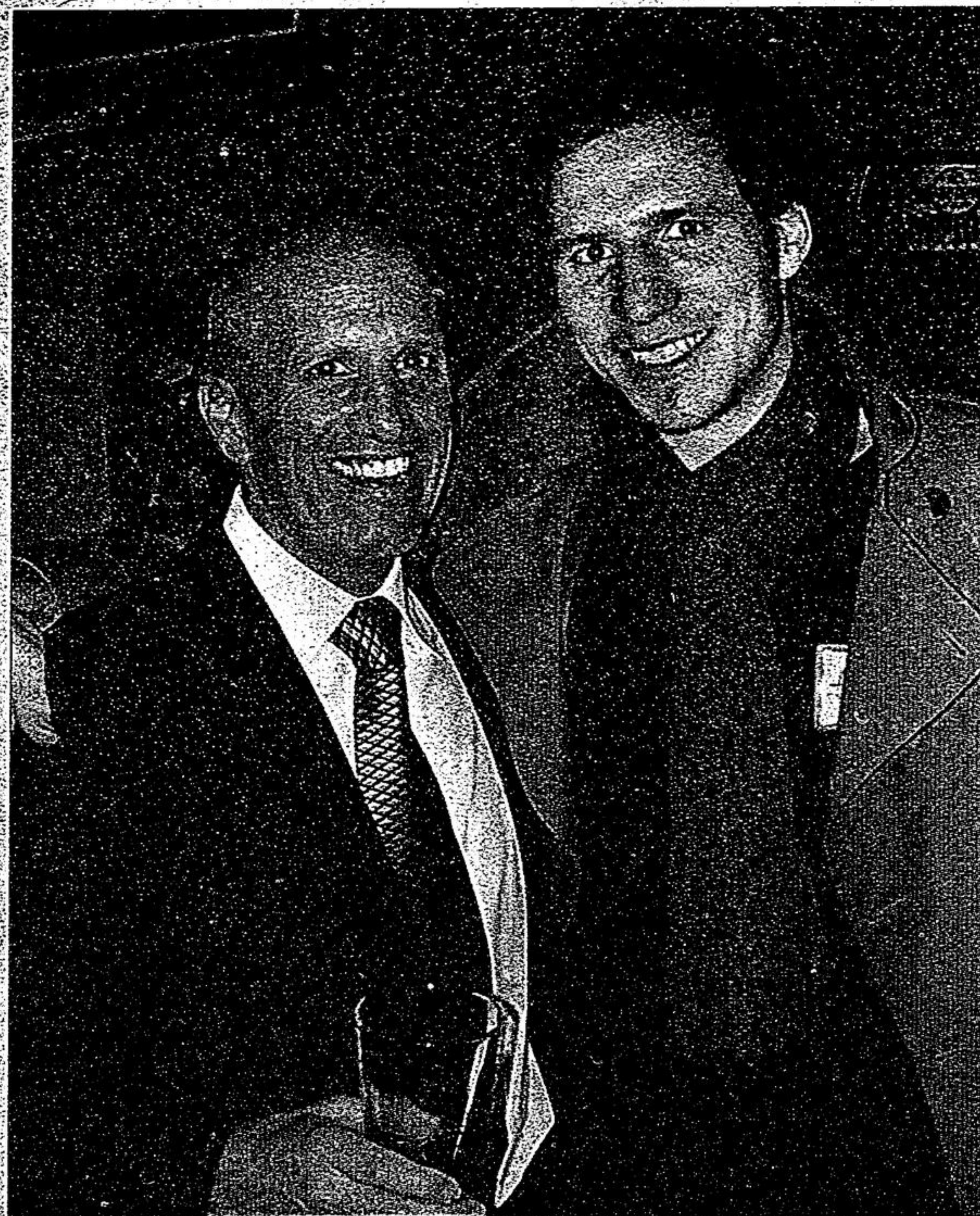


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Individual or families who would like to apply for the program are asked to contact the Canadian Association of Mental Health at 905-841-3977, ext. 4265. An interview with the association and an application process is required to qualify. Funding will be credited directly to the applicant's utility bill. Households that, due to lost income or personal difficulties, are in arrears or at risk of doing so and have exhausted all sources of support can apply.

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Keith Acton (left), Toronto Maple Leafs assistant coach and co-owner of the new Boston Pizza in Stouffville, chats with Leafs forward Alex Steen at the opening party for the restaurant Friday. General manager John Ferguson Jr. and other team personnel also attended.



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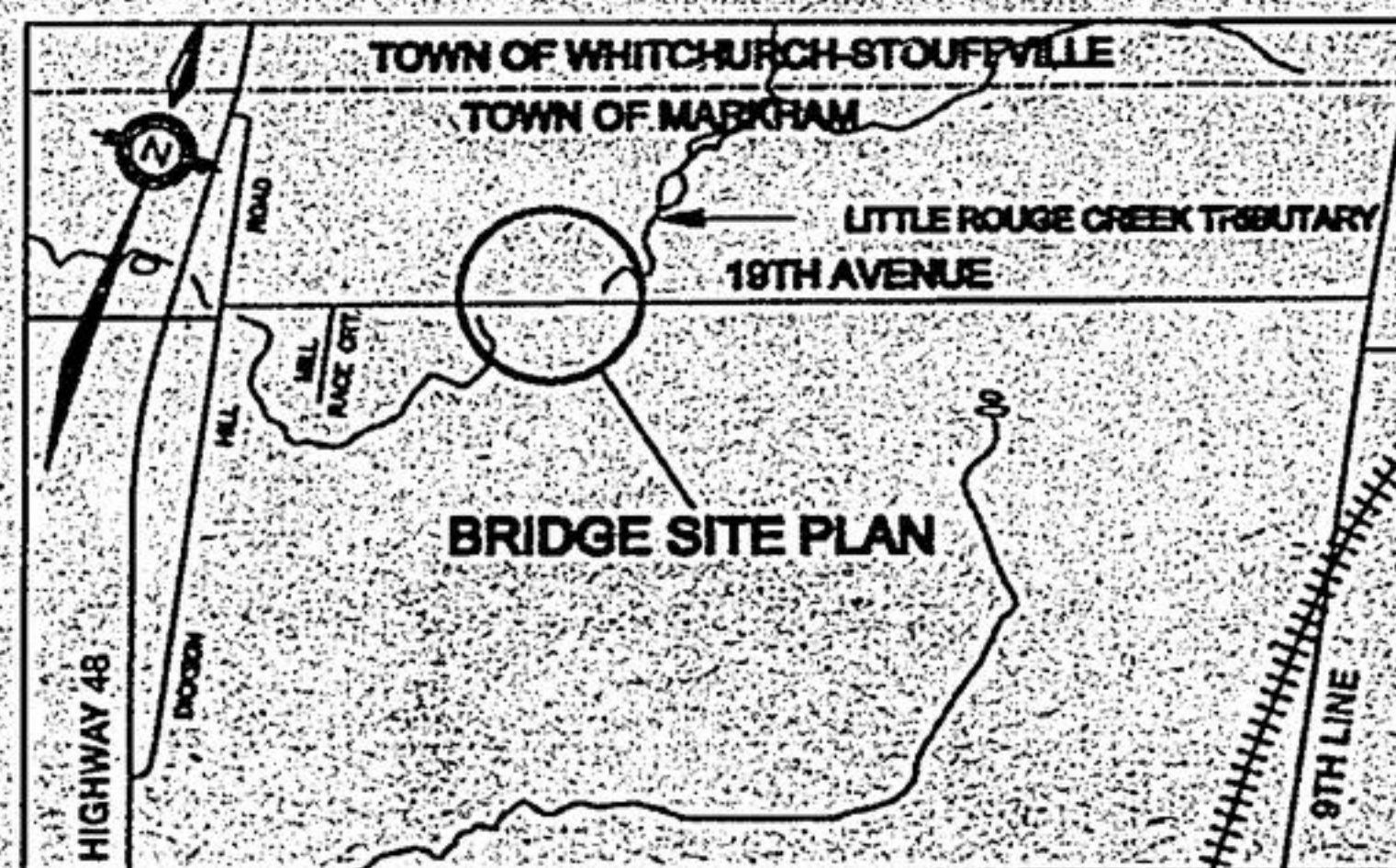
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NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

19TH AVENUE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER THE EAST TRIBUTARY OF THE LITTLE ROUGE CREEK



The Town of Markham has retained Totten Sims Hubicki Associates (TSH) to undertake the design of the replacement of the bridge on 19th Avenue over the East Tributary of the Little Rouge Creek between Highway 48 and 9th Line.

Replacement of the bridge is required due to its deteriorated condition and deficient width. Replacement of the bridge would improve safety by increasing the width of the deck to the current standard for a two-lane roadway.

This project follows the approved environmental planning process for Schedule "B" projects under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Process (June 2000). Subject to comments received as a result of this Notice and the receipt of necessary approvals, the Town of Markham intends to proceed with the design and construction of this project.

The project plan is available at the following locations:

Clerk's Office
Town of Markham, 101 Town Centre Boulevard
Mon. to Fri.: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Tel: 905-477-7000

Interested persons should provide written comment to the Town of Markham on the proposal within 30 calendar days from the date of this Notice. Comments should be directed to Prathapan Kumar, P. Eng., Project Engineer, Capital Right-of-Way, Asset Management Department, Town of Markham, 101 Town Centre Boulevard, Markham, Ontario L3R 9W3.

If concerns arise regarding this project which cannot be resolved in discussion with the Town of Markham, a person or party may request that the Minister of the Environment make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Part II Order), which addresses individual environment assessments. Requests must be received by the Minister at the address below within 30 calendar days of this Notice. A copy of the request must also be sent to Prathapan Kumar, P. Eng. at the Town of Markham. If there is no "request" received by January 22, 2008, the replacement bridge will proceed to design and construction as presented in the planning documentation.

Minister of the Environment
135 St. Clair Avenue West
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