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Markham business advisor Sandra Tam started entrepreneur Sandra Vanderbrug off on the right foot.

The Regional Municipality of York
EXPROPRIATIONS ACT

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO EXPROPRIATE LAND

IN THE MATTER OF an application by The Regional Municipality of York for approval to expropriate lands and interest in lands described in Schedules "A" and "B", hereto, in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville in The Regional Municipality of York, geographically in the Township of Whitchurch in the County of York, for the purposes of the widening and reconstruction of Vivian Road (YR 74) from Highway 48 to York/Durham Line.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made for approval to expropriate the lands and interest in lands described in Schedules "A" and "B", hereto. Any owner of lands in respect of which notice is given who desires an inquiry into whether the taking of such land is fair, sound and reasonably necessary in the achievement of the objectives of the expropriating authority shall so notify the approving authority in writing,

- (a) in the case of a registered owner, served personally or by registered mail within thirty days after the registered owner is served with the notice, or, when the registered owner is served by publication, within thirty days after the first publication of the notice;
- (b) in the case of an owner who is not a registered owner, within thirty days after the first publication of the notice.

The approving authority is:
The Council of The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

The Regional Municipality of York
Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk
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Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

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SCHEDULE "A"

An estate in fee simple in the lands described as follows:

Lands in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville in The Regional Municipality of York, geographically in the Township of Whitchurch in the County of York, being composed of those lands designated as Parts on Plans deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York Region more particularly described as follows:

| Part of Lot | Concession | Part(s) | Plan |
|-------------|------------|---------|-----------|
| 31 | 8 | 1 | 65R-29848 |
| 31 | 8 | 6, 7 | 65R-29849 |
| 30 | 9 | 6, 7 | 65R-31071 |

SCHEDULE "B"

PERMANENT EASEMENT

A permanent easement or rights in the nature of a permanent easement, in, under, over, along and upon the following lands for the purpose of entering upon and occupying the lands with all necessary machinery, equipment and material required for or in connection with the installation, construction, operation, maintenance, inspection, alteration, removal, replacement, reconstruction, enlargement and repair of drainage culverts and appurtenances.

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| Part of Lot | Concession | Part | Plan |
|-------------|------------|------|-----------|
| 30 | 9 | 1 | 65R-30909 |
| 31 | 8 | 2 | 65R-30910 |



Business centres offer helping hand in tough times

BY CHRIS TRABER
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Silver linings exist in these difficult economic times, say administrators of York Region's small business enterprise centres.

The centres, providing free business start up advice and services to residents in each of our nine municipalities, have experienced a client list spike since the global fiscal downturn.

"Absolutely," Economic Strategy and Tourism director Patrick Draper said of the Newmarket-based centre serving the region's six northern municipalities.

"There's definitely more interest in self-employment opportunities."

Last year, the provincially and regionally-funded centres under his auspices fielded 12,150 inquiries, 45 per cent more than those in 2007. Consultations, 333 in 2008, represented a 39 per cent hike from the previous year while participation in centre-hosted workshops and seminars increased 50 per cent last year.

Not quite through the first quarter of 2009, the centres are experiencing almost double the number of weekly consultations, Mr. Draper said.

Those availing themselves of the plethora of entrepreneurial assistance - ranging from simple discussions to business registration and the complexities of a business plan - are typically folks who have already started a business looking to expand and move forward, he said.

"There's a high level of service-related businesses versus product-based businesses because the start up costs aren't as high," he said.

The business sector getting the most attention these days is the green economy, he said. "There's lots of enthusiasm in areas involving composting, alternative energy and recycled materials," he said.

Similar centres, serving southern York Region exist in Markham, Richmond Hill and Vaughan. While the region funds the north, these are bank rolled by respective municipalities, and the province with private sector participation.

Steady 10 per cent client annual growth is the norm for Markham Small Business Enterprise Centre manager Sandra Tam.

The demand is fueled by more residents

seeking their own businesses, some by necessity and others by choice, and the town's burgeoning population growth, she said.

Funded by the Town of Markham and the Ministry of Small Business and Entrepreneurship, Ms Tam's office provides Markham's aspiring entrepreneurs and existing small businesses with one-on-one management consulting, educational training and business resources.

With the economic climate and cultural landscape changing, she has witnessed significant trends.

"More young people are interested in their own business, some as young as 15," she said, referring to regular services and the Summer Company program offering students funds and mentoring through volunteer business professionals. "Thirty per cent of our clients are newcomers. That reflects Markham's demographics.

"More women, too, are starting their own business."

A prime example is Thornhill's Sandra Vanderbrug.

After 18 years as a corporate legal secretary, Ms Vanderbrug opted to pursue what was a hobby and create a vocation.

In the first week of January, with the notion of founding an estate and content sales enterprise, she presented herself to Ms Tam.

"I never had my own business and I had a lot of questions," she said. "Sandra answered them all. My first impressions were very positive."

The centre started Ms Vanderbrug on a business plan.

"I struggled," she said. "But, I emailed Sandra questions and she helped with the process. When I had tax questions, they arranged a free half hour consultation with a chartered accountant."

After almost two decades surrounded by colleagues, the budding business woman felt alone. The centre and Ms Tam served up advice and support.

"They started me off on the right foot and I felt like I had a friend," she said.

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