

# Domestic violence victims aided by United Way donations

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United Way of York Region's 2011 campaign has achieved 40 per cent of its target, chief executive officer Daniele Zanotti announced this week.

Accepting a cheque from King Mayor Steve Pellegrini representing the results of the town's inaugural employee campaign, Mr. Zanotti said \$3.4 million had been raised to date toward the campaign goal of \$8.6 million.

Despite being 5 per cent below

last year's pace, he's encouraged and hopeful.

"(King's) gift helps us bridge this gap and I can tell you, our thousands of volunteers and hundreds of workplace campaigns remain driven and determined, confident that the coming weeks will further bridge this gap. The need requires nothing less," Mr Zanotti said.

In addition to the progress update, Mr. Zanotti announced a new round of strength investments. Launched last October, the program funds projects that bring

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

To give your time or funds, visit [york.unitedway.ca](http://york.unitedway.ca), call 905-474-9974, ext. 242 or send a cheque, payable to United Way of York Region, 80F Centurian Dr., Suite 200, Markham, ON, L3R 8C1.

residents, community, businesses, faith groups and agencies together to work on simple solutions to complex social issues. For 2012-13, strength investments will provide funding to broad-based communi-

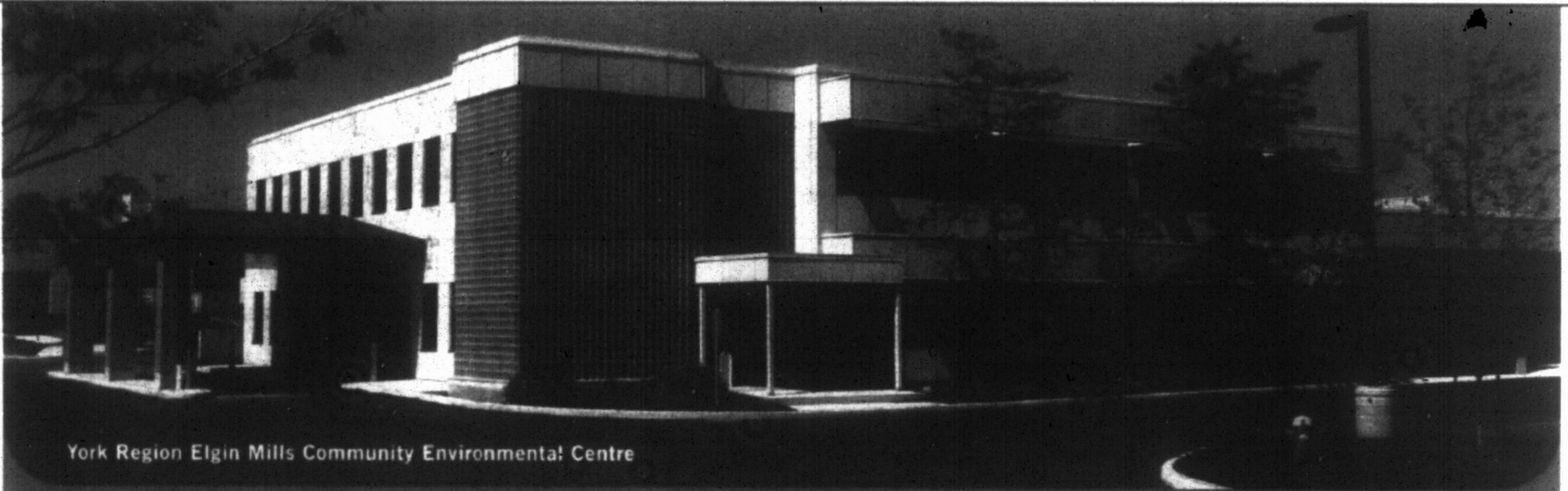
ty collaboratives to develop actionable and innovative approaches that address United Way York Region's priorities — helping kids grow up strong, moving people from poverty to possibility and building strong, healthy neighbourhoods.

"Our research and community discussions all validate one finding: civic participation remains the catalyst in community change," United Way community investment director Janice Chu said.

Most recently, the York Region

Violence Against Women Co-ordinating Committee, a collaboration of 13 partners, received strength investments funding. Driven by the leadership of Sandgate Women's Shelter of York Region, the collaborative is developing an innovative way to increase service to children and women who have experienced domestic violence and abuse, all under one roof.

The deadline for applications for strength investments, funding is Jan. 13, 2012. For more information, call 905-474-9974, ext. 241.



York Region Elgin Mills Community Environmental Centre

## ELGIN MILLS CEC NOW OPEN

The Elgin Mills Community Environmental Centre (CEC) provides a convenient, one-stop location to drop off a variety of reusable and recyclable materials to be diverted from landfill.

The Elgin Mills CEC accepts a wide variety of items to be reused, recycled or disposed, including:

### REUSE DROP-OFF (free of charge)

- Books, CDs and DVDs
- Cabinets
- Clothing
- Doors
- Fabrics and textiles
- Furniture
- Hardware and tools
- Housewares
- Light fixtures
- Lumber
- Plumbing fixtures
- Tools
- Windows

### RECYCLING (free of charge)

- Blue Box items
- Cardboard
- Clean fill / soil
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs
- Concrete and rubble
- Drywall
- Electronics
- Household batteries
- Large metal appliances
- Refrigerated appliances\*
- Scrap metal
- Shredded paper
- Tires
- Wood (untreated lumber)

### WASTE DISPOSAL

- Non-reusable goods\*
- Non-recyclable goods\*

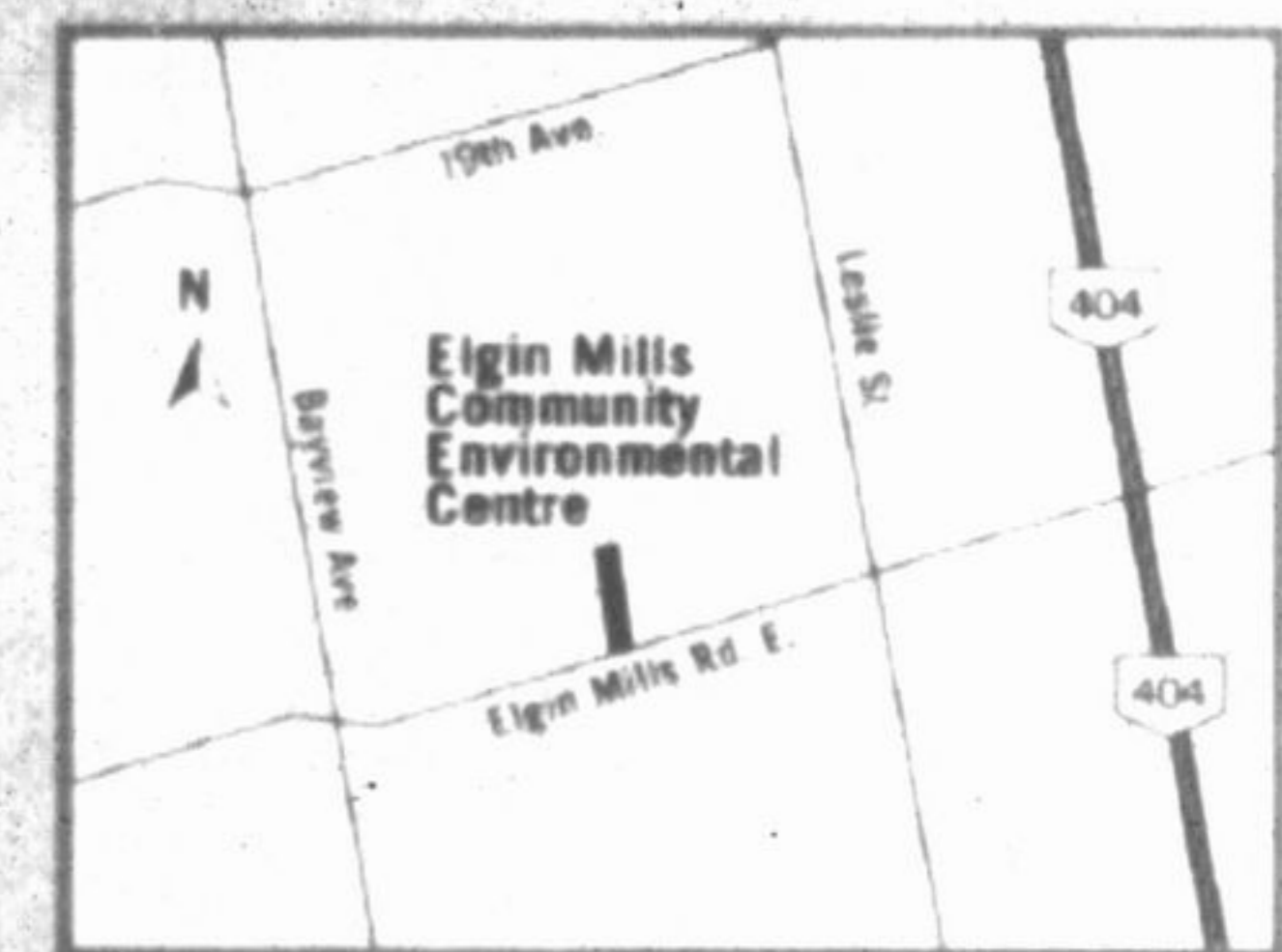
### NOT ACCEPTED

- Household Hazardous Waste
- Green Bin waste
- Industrial waste
- Yard waste
- Loads greater than a 14-foot cube van

\*Items are subject to a fee.

**ELGIN MILLS COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTRE**  
1124 Elgin Mills Road East,  
Town of Richmond Hill

**HOURS OF OPERATION:**  
Thursday to Monday,  
9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Closed Tuesdays and  
Wednesdays.



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