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Spring 2013 to Summer 2014

The Regional Municipality of York is pleased to be starting improvements to Ninth Line for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists. This newsletter is the first of many communications you will be receiving throughout the construction.

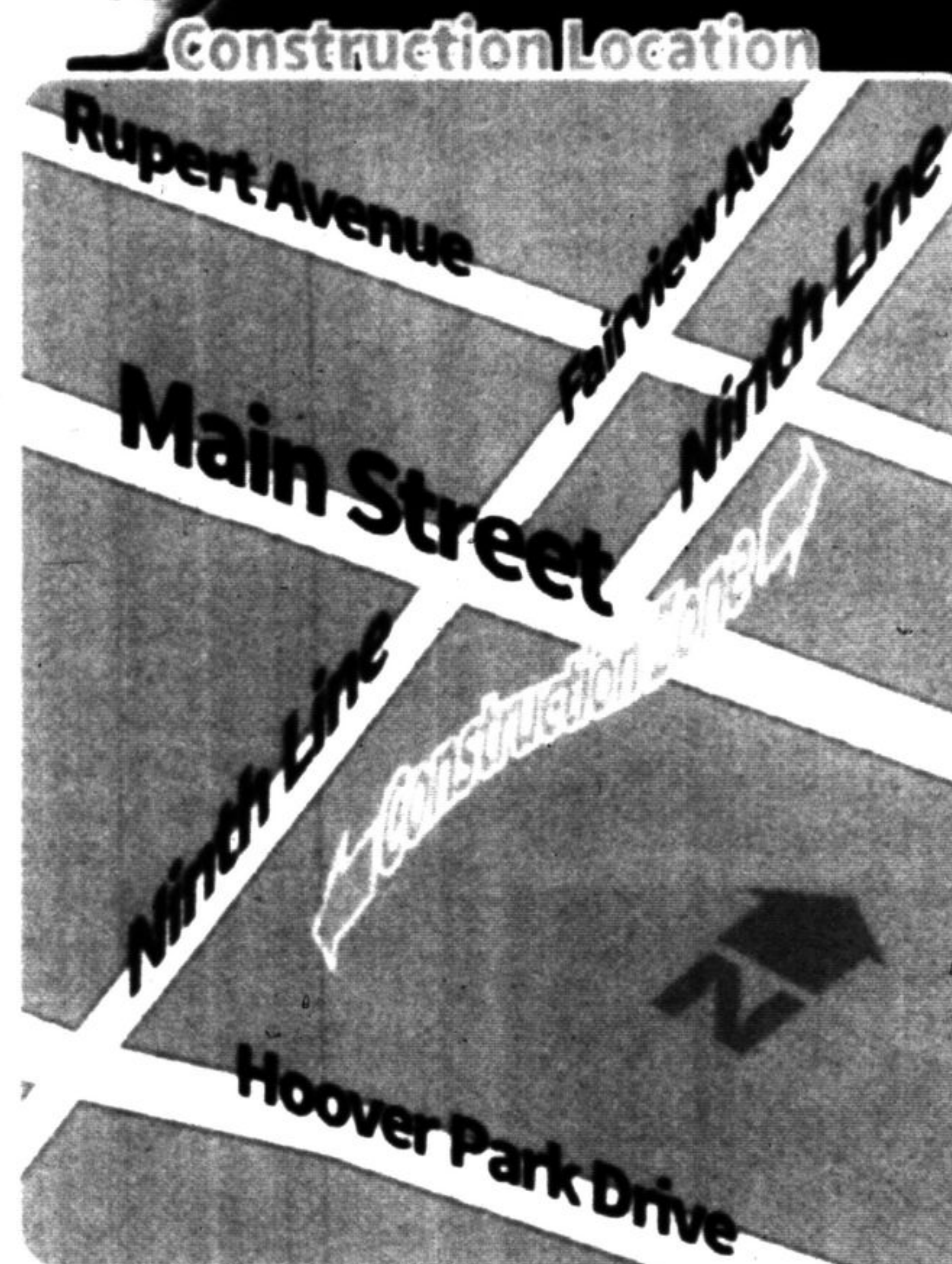
Transforming Ninth Line

Ninth Line in the town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will undergo a transformation that includes a road realignment, a new road surface and the installation of curbs; storm sewers, concrete sidewalks, multi-use paths, new street lights and trees.

We will be improving the intersection at Main Street with new turning lanes. We are also constructing a continuous centre left-turn lane for residents adjacent to Ninth Line between Hoover Park Drive and Main Street. To improve traffic flow and safety for all road users on Ninth Line and Main Street, the jog along Ninth Line at Main Street will be removed and the connection from Fairview Avenue onto Main Street will be eliminated.

This will help reduce traffic by passing the Ninth Line North and Main Street intersection. A new cul-de-sac will be constructed at Fairview Avenue north of Main Street to help reduce by-passing traffic from entering into the neighbourhood.

The project is planned to be completed by the summer of 2014. During the next 15 months, we will keep you informed with regular updates throughout the construction period.



Preparing for road work

Construction will start in Spring 2013 once the current utility relocations are completed. The map on this newsletter shows the location of the construction.

Access for houses and businesses within the construction area will be maintained throughout the construction. York Region will make every effort to minimize disruption to those living, working or travelling through the area and we will keep you informed on a regular basis. Some removal of existing boulevard trees will be required for the road improvements and we will be replacing them with trees.

Safety

We are aware that children are attracted to heavy construction equipment and we will maintain a secure site. Please contact us if you observe children playing around the equipment or construction sites so we can do everything possible to ensure the safety of all residents.

We are here to answer your questions. Feel free to contact York Region's Construction Administrator or Project Manager.

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Bodies thought to be Jerry, Eve Cudahy

Former residents believed killed in fire

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Two bodies recovered from the ruins of a home destroyed by fire Sunday are believed to be those of a former Stouffville couple.

As investigators from the fire marshal's office, Brock Township Fire Department and Durham Regional Police continue to comb through the rubble at B570 Concession 2 Thorah, the bodies have been sent to forensic pathologists in Toronto for identification.

Jerry and Eve Cudahy lived in the home and have been missing since. The couple ran a dog-training and boarding facility on the rural property, which is located between Beaverton and Port Bolster.

They operated a similar centre on Tenth Line, just south of Stouffville, during the 1990s. It hosted international events and training sessions.

TENTH LINE DOG CENTRE

An undetermined number of dogs also died in the fire, though eight have been taken into protective care by Brock Township animal control staff.

"This is a tragic situation that has touched an awful lot of people," said Thomas Cudahy, Jerry's brother, in an interview Tuesday.

Though he was told that the bodies had been recovered earlier that day, he continued to watch the search efforts unfold into the afternoon.

"Sitting here watching this, it's really hard to compute... Whatever they find here isn't going to change the outcome," he said.

"This is a tragedy. I really don't know what else I can say."

He stood vigil at the property since learning about the fire on Sunday afternoon, though investigators could provide few details to the family in the early stages of the search.

Joined by his son for much of the day Monday - with what little remained of the home still smouldering - Thomas was hoping for the best but fearing the worst.

He described his brother and sister-in-law as a devoted couple who raised a pair of daughters, Tanya and Brie, and said they had been together for about 40 years.

"They had their good days and bad days like any other couple, but they loved each other," Thomas Cudahy said, adding the couple had lived in Scarborough, Stouffville and Barrie before moving to Brock Township.

Mr. Cudahy's career as a trainer stretches back just as long as the couple's marriage.

"It was his passion," the brother said.

He's been hailed as Canada's dog whisperer by some of his former clients, who include a number of prominent people in the Toronto area and abroad. According to published reports, that list is said to include former U.S. presidents George W. and George H.W. Bush.

Neil Smith, former general manager of the New York Rangers and current broadcaster, lost his 12-week-old chocolate lab, Ashton, in the fire.

FULLY ENGULFED

"My family has known Jerry and Eve for years and sent our dogs there to board while we travel. Both of our dogs were there this weekend when the fire occurred. When my father and sister drove to the site yesterday they were informed that our Czech Shepherd had survived because someone - either Jerry or Eve - had moved him from his cage into a crate in a van on the property..." wrote his daughter, Katarina, in an e-mail to Metroland Tuesday.

"Our family is heartbroken about this tragedy that may have claimed the lives of Jerry, Eve and any number of dogs that were staying on the farm."

The fire was reported after a motorist passing by noticed the house in flames. The home was fully engulfed and partially collapsed when firefighters arrived.

A cause for the fire has yet to be determined and investigators remained on the scene through yesterday.