

22nd Annual Festival of Lights

Friday, November 24. See story below



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Markham Village Art Show & Sale

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Left to Right: Councillor John Webster, Michelle Sukul Chan - Markham Village B.I.A., Regional Councillor Jack Heath, Regional Chair & C.E.O. Bill Fisch, Regional Councillor Jim Jones, Regional Councillor Bill O'Donnell, Councillor George McKelvey, Deputy Mayor Frank Scarpitti, Councillor Joe Virgilio, Councillor Khalid Usman.

The Regional Municipality of York opens third phase of Markham Bypass

New arterial roadway will ease traffic congestion along eastern portion of Markham

On Tuesday, October 24, members of York Regional Council and Markham Council were on site to officially open the third phase of the Markham Bypass. This new,

\$10.8-million, four-lane roadway will provide significant road capacity to accommodate increased traffic around the developed area of eastern Markham.

The Markham Bypass project is a multi-year undertaking, consisting of four separate phases. The first phase, completed in

2003, provides a link from Major Mackenzie Drive southerly to 16th Avenue. The second phase, completed in 2004, provides a link from Highway 407 to Highway 7. With the opening of the third phase from Highway 7 to 16th Avenue, motorists can now travel

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Christmas Shopping In the Village

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Markham Villages' 22nd Annual Festival of Lights

The 22nd Annual Festival of Lights in Markham Village will be celebrating this year

with a theme of "Silver Bells".

The Festival organizers have been busy planning one of the most popular family events to be held on Friday, November 24, 2006 from 6:30 pm to 10:00pm. Shopkeepers will be creating displays to evoke images of the theme for the annual Window-decorating con-

test. Returning this year for the 22nd annual event will be a wide variety of street entertainers including live bands, Scrooge, strolling carollers, choirs, buskers and magicians as well as the ever-popular Petting Zoo, the Kid's Craft Pavillion, and of course a visit from Santa Claus himself.

The evening begins with the Opening Ceremonies as Santa lights the Christmas tree followed by an impressive Fireworks display. Neighbours, visitors and friends can then enjoy a giant festive street party and visit

the wide variety of high quality merchants in the Town's Historical Core who will be staying open late to celebrate the Holiday Season, with lots of in-store specials.

Join your neighbours, new and old, in this fun-for-the-whole-family event! It's a festive night not to be missed!

For more information, visit our website at www.markhamvillage.com or call (905) 472-2462. Adult and student volunteers are always welcome!



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Youth in the Arts...

Celebration of the Arts



This is the 6th year for Celebration of the Arts. The Program has raised \$140,000 and awarded 89 educational bursaries and 21 bursaries this year from across the region.



Above: All winners with Ian Proudfoot Publisher of York Region Newspaper Group in middle

Above left: Laura Tatham Dance Bursary - Sponsor Markville Shopping Centre

Above Right: Andrea Nunez Vocal Bursary - Sponsor WOW Group

Below Left: Jessalyn Kinney Vocal Bursary - Sponsor Don Cousens Charitable Foundation

Right: Jerrick Lo Instrumental - Piano Bursary Sponsor York Region Newspaper Group



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Markham By-Pass Opens

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 seamlessly from Major Mackenzie Drive to Highway 407. The fourth phase, currently slated for construction in 2010, will extend the bypass north to form a connection to Highway 48.

In honour and recognition of retiring Town of Markham Mayor Donald Cousens following 12 years of service on York Regional Council and 25 years of public service to the community, the Region will be renaming the Markham Bypass the Don Cousens Parkway.

The Markham Bypass project is one of several road construction projects that the Region has undertaken as part of its \$5.5 billion 10-Year Roads Capital Plan.

Road extension and widening, in addition to transportation demand management, transit and rapid transit service, are key elements of York Region's Transportation Master Plan, designed to combat traffic congestion.

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Store does it's part...

By Julie Christian

Barb Tayler, the proprietor of the Glass Store and More is doing her part in the fight for the environment. She's promoting the reuse of her shipping boxes to local residents to utilize in packing for a move. A sign on her store window says, "Moving? We have boxes. Free!" "It's so much better to re-use before we recycle", said Barb. The Glass Store and More have just undergone a beautiful transformation for the Christmas Season. Their staff spent almost 200 hours reorganizing and decorating to fantastic results. The store specializes in glassware, housewares and an eclectic assortment of gifts. It is located at 134 Robinson Street, just off Main Street Markham.

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The year is coming to a close and it has been a very busy and exciting one for Markham Village. Each event, Markham Village Music Festival, Markham Farmers' Market and Olden Days and Antique Cars has seen record attendance.

This year we were involved with the Markham Jazz Festival and participated in a double-Decker bus for Doors Open Markham.

The most significant and monumental event on Main Street Markham for 2006 was the banning of heavy trucks by Markham Council on June 1st;

the difference has been very significant and now the portion of the Markham By-Pass that continues to the 407 is complete and can be used as an alternate route for Trucks and a clear route to the 407 for commuters.

These changes have been many years coming and pave the way to the future re-development and growth potential for our Historic Village.

We are thankful for the community's continued support. Those of you who, shop, eat, have your teeth cleaned, do your banking and more in Markham's working

Village, keep this small town vibrant.

But the year isn't over!

Our endeared event Festival of Lights kicks off the holiday season on Friday November 24th, don't miss the chance to come together with your friends and neighbours and celebrate the great community we live in.

The holiday season means Christmas Shopping! Keep Markham Village high on your list as a great place to prepare for the Season.

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Job Description:

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Job Requirements:

Experience in office administration, Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, and Quickbooks (optional). Experience with internet searches etc. Website experience an asset! Excellent command of English, both written and verbal. Must be organized and detail oriented. Ability to take initiative and work independently. Team player, a must!

Markham Village Voice

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Voices of the Arts...

Markham Village Art Show & Sale



The Markham Arts Council and the Markham Village B.I.A. are pleased to present the first Markham Village Art Show & Sale. The grand opening will be during the Festival of Lights on Friday, November 24.

The show will feature 24 local artists and is located at 74 Main Street North (former Mattress Haven store).

Come and meet the artists and vote in the People's Choice Award. The winning artist will receive a year's mem-

bership in the Markham Arts Council and a feature article in the Arts Council newsletter, *Arts in Motion*. The Art Show & Sale will run until Saturday, December 2. For more information, call 905-209-9911.



Roofs of Czesky Krumlov One, by Helen Walter

Markham Calendar of Events

November

10 The Markhaven Foundation 7th Annual Gala Evening presents: Bobby Curtola - Canada's 60's Pop Idol

11 Markham District Veterans' Association Remembrance Day Services
10:00 a.m. at Veterans Hall followed by Annual Parade and Tributes at Markham Cenotaph 10:45 - 11:00 a.m. sharp Veterans Hall, 7

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16 Opera York - Markham Theatre
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19 2nd Annual Festival of Trees - DREAMS Inc. 2006
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22 Markham Arts Council Annual General Meeting at 7:30 at the Markham Museum in the Church basement. Info: 905-209-9911

22 Christmas Bazaar - Markham Seniors Activity Centre - 22 Water Street - 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

24 Markham Village BIA presents the Markham Festival of Lights, Main Street, Markham, 6:30 - 10:00 pm

24 Markham Village Art Show and Sale begins, 74 Main Street, Markham 905-209-9911

25 Sunrise Rotary Santa Claus Parade - Main Street Markham - 10 am

26 Varley Art Gallery, The Thornhill Circle: J.E.H. MacDonald & His Associates



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Markham Village Festival of Lights

Nov 24, 2006



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Shopping On Markham's Main Street



By Stephanie Heathcote

Main Street Markham is a haven for specialty shops that offer a wide variety of products for your home and fashion needs. You could lose all sense of time exploring the quality stores that Markham Village has to offer.

C.M. Furs, located at 15 Main Street are creators and designers of fine furs. They specialize in storage, cleaning as well as repairs for all your furs, a rare find in the current market.

Classic Wood Windows, located at 79 Main Street specializes in custom made wood products of the finest caliber.

Comercopia located at 106 Main Street is a store you can lose all sense of time in. Featuring an abundance of decorating accessories, specialty food items, home décor and fine gifts in every inch of the store, it is jam packed with interesting and unique finds.

Diamond Essence located at 37 Main Street Unit 207, offers the smart alternative to mined diamonds. They offer man made simulated jewels with virtually all the properties and quality of a genuine diamond ensuring affordable elegance. A desirable substitute to the real thing

Eleven Joseph Fashions located at 141 Main Street has been servicing Markham for the past 21 years and offers over 5000 square feet of clothing possibilities, anything needed for a night on the town or a brunch with friends.

Elizabeth Furs, located at 126 Main Street is a retail store which specializes in quality fur garments. They have numerous fur options to meet your needs.

The Glass Store...and more! Located at 134 Robinson Street, offers a wide variety of glassware to suit any occasion. Featuring Riedel glassware designed for the very best drinking experience, and a wide variety of other specialty glass, tableware and gifts.

Hempen Jewelers located at 87 Main Street is the place where all your special jewelry needs are met. Also specializing in cleaning and fixing of jewelry, this private store offers personalized service for your special occasion needs.

Jungle Interiors located at 7 Joseph Street features high quality, life-like artificial trees plants and florals, to turn any home into a sanctuary. Also featuring custom design options, this store is perfect for anyone wanting a little bit of paradise in their home, hassle-free.

Main Street Interiors located at 39 Main Street, is the perfect place for you to find any of your interior design needs. If you desire professional guidance, in home consultation is another service offered to get your design projects rolling. They also offer furniture, accessories and window coverings to ensure your home is well equipped with style.

Markham Village Boots and Shoes located at 80 Main Street is a perfect place to shop for all your fine European footwear. Priding them-

selves for their exceptional quality, they have been serving the local clientele for all their shoe, leather goods and repairs for over 18 years.

Montsoreau Antiques located at 75 Main street features fine porcelain, home décor and French antiques. They have just added a children's line known as Gigi's corner, perfect to charm any little boy or girl's room. This store is the place to discover your next hidden treasure and is perfect for avid antiquers.

Peppertree Klassics located at 137 Main Street hosts a variety of unique women's fashions from sizes 2 to 16. A main street staple which includes rare services such as free

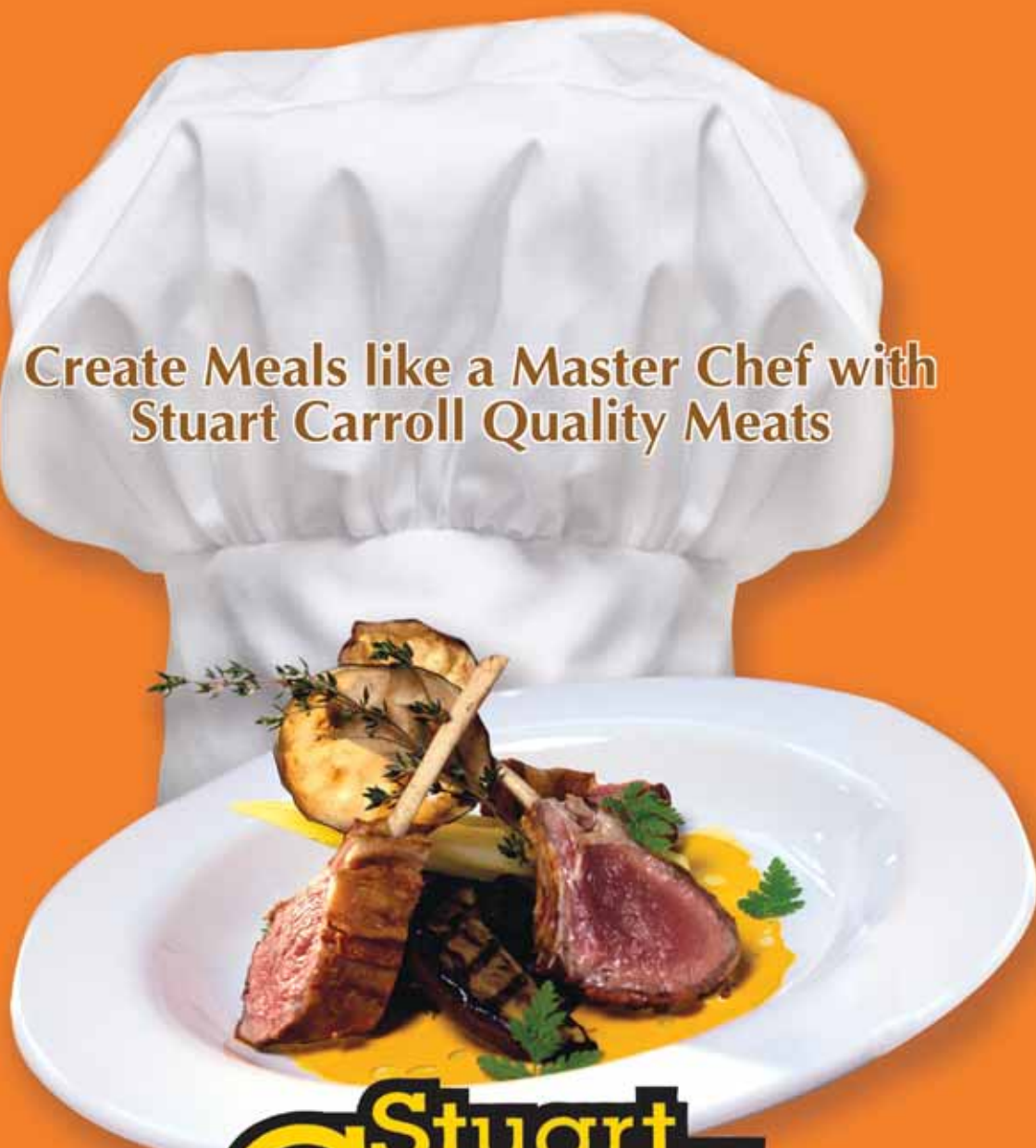
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A Corner of Our History...

Think twice before replacing historic trimwork

by George Duncan

While walking along Hazelton Avenue in Yorkville a few years ago, I noticed a stack of ornate wood trim discarded outside a late Victorian house under renovation. The beautiful mouldings were splintered and bristling with bent nails. The patterned brick exterior had been thoroughly cleaned and modern windows and doors had just been installed. In a sense, the owner probably thought that the extensive renovations had restored the home's former grandeur.

Following the fashion of the time, the interior had been gutted, "opened up," and white painted to create an effect more modern than a modern house. Regrettably, although the old building had been given a new lease on life, it had been so thoroughly remodelled that it had been turned into just another renovated Victorian row house. Beyond the exterior brickwork shell, virtually nothing remained of the original 19th century character.

All too often it seems that renovators give little thought to appreciating or taking advantage of key architectural features found in older buildings. Interiors are routinely gutted without any consideration for how original architectural details may contribute to the character of the space. Old trim and other elements are ripped out to allow insulation to be added, because it's easier to just replace everything with new material.

Although there certainly are cases where complete interior rebuilding is necessary due to the condition and other factors; original interior details such as doors, staircases and mouldings should be viewed as

irreplaceable assets that are essential, character-defining elements of heritage homes.

The quality of design, detailing and materials seen in Victorian and early 20th century homes often cannot be duplicated today without spending a considerable amount of money. There are certain features that are nearly impossible to reproduce due to the scarcity of skilled craftspeople or appropriate materials. Pine trim, for instance, traditionally was knot-free and well-seasoned. Exceptionally wide boards, now treasured for their value as antique building materials, were often used in the crafting of doors, panelling and flooring. The immense trees that yielded this lumber will not be seen again for generations, if ever.

Baseboards and casings were usually designed to complement the architecture of the buildings in which they were installed. A Gothic Revival house, for example, would perhaps have mouldings with complex profiles echoing the intricate vaulting of ancient Gothic cathedrals.

Before the turn of the 20th century, trim was almost always milled from white pine and painted in various colours or grained to resemble more costly hardwoods like oak or walnut. Later, improvements to woodworking technology allowed the widespread use of hardwoods like oak and gumwood, and naturally finished trim remained in fashion until the late 1920s.

When renovations are underway, retaining original woodwork can save on the cost of replacement materials in addition to contributing to the preservation of the home's special heritage character. Sometimes, only



a thorough cleaning and polishing is required for naturally-finished woods. Repainting in a fresh or period colour can breathe new life into existing painted trim, if the surface is smooth enough. Stripping old painted trim can be risky from an environmental standpoint, and painting is a safer option for this reason.

Another time and cost-saving tip when dealing with historic woodwork would be to leave it in place when gutting for insulation. It is not always necessary to remove casings and baseboards when adding insulation. Remember that old woodwork can be brittle and may break easily when removed. So before you get the crowbar out to begin that long-awaited renovation, think twice about the value that original woodwork adds to your heritage home.

Shopping Markham Village's Main Street

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Season to Taste located at 112 Main Street is a specialty store exclusively devoted to kitchen ware. It carries a plethora of kitchen and tableware to inspire even the worst of cooks to bring out the gourmet chef in themselves.

Time Art located at 69 Main Street offers an array of one of a kind beaded jewelry, hand painted glass, clocks, watches and other fine giftware. They also offer repair services of watches, jewelry, and clocks including grandfather clocks.

Towne Optical located at 117 Main Street is where it's at for all your hot funky brands of glasses and contact lenses. Carrying Armani, Mexx, and Police, to name a few, this store is sure to satisfy your eyeglassware needs.

Turquoise Wholistic, located at 78 Main Street is a health food store specializing in the dispensing of holistic herbs, and organic natural foods. The staff has extensive knowledge of the health and organic food industry to answer any holistic questions.

Valentines Furniture is located at 115 Main Street and features custom and high quality handmade wood furniture. Since its inception it has broadened its offerings to help you with your flooring, window coverings, furniture, upholstery, design needs, drapery, custom upholstery, blinds, California and plantation shutters, carpet, hardwood, ceramic and glass tiles.

The Wine Place, located at 136 Main Street is a brew on premise wine making facility which specializes in helping you cre-

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The Festival of Trees

The Festival of Trees is a family holiday event in support of The Centre for D.R.E.A.M.S. Inc. Local businesses and companies sponsor this event by purchasing and decorating a tree/wreath that best reflects them, which can be voted on and won by YOU! The event kicks off with a Silver Bells Tea dedicated to the seniors in our community. The tea is taking place on Thursday, November 16 from 1:00-3:00pm at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Markham. This exciting and fun event is packed with Christmas cheer! Everything from live entertainment, to meeting and greeting Miss Spider, our beautiful Enchanted Forest of Trees, Children's Village



sponsored by Mastermind and a free picture with Jolly Old St. Nick himself. The event is taking place at the beautiful and prestigious Angus Glen Golf Club Sunday, November 19 from 11:00am-5:00pm.

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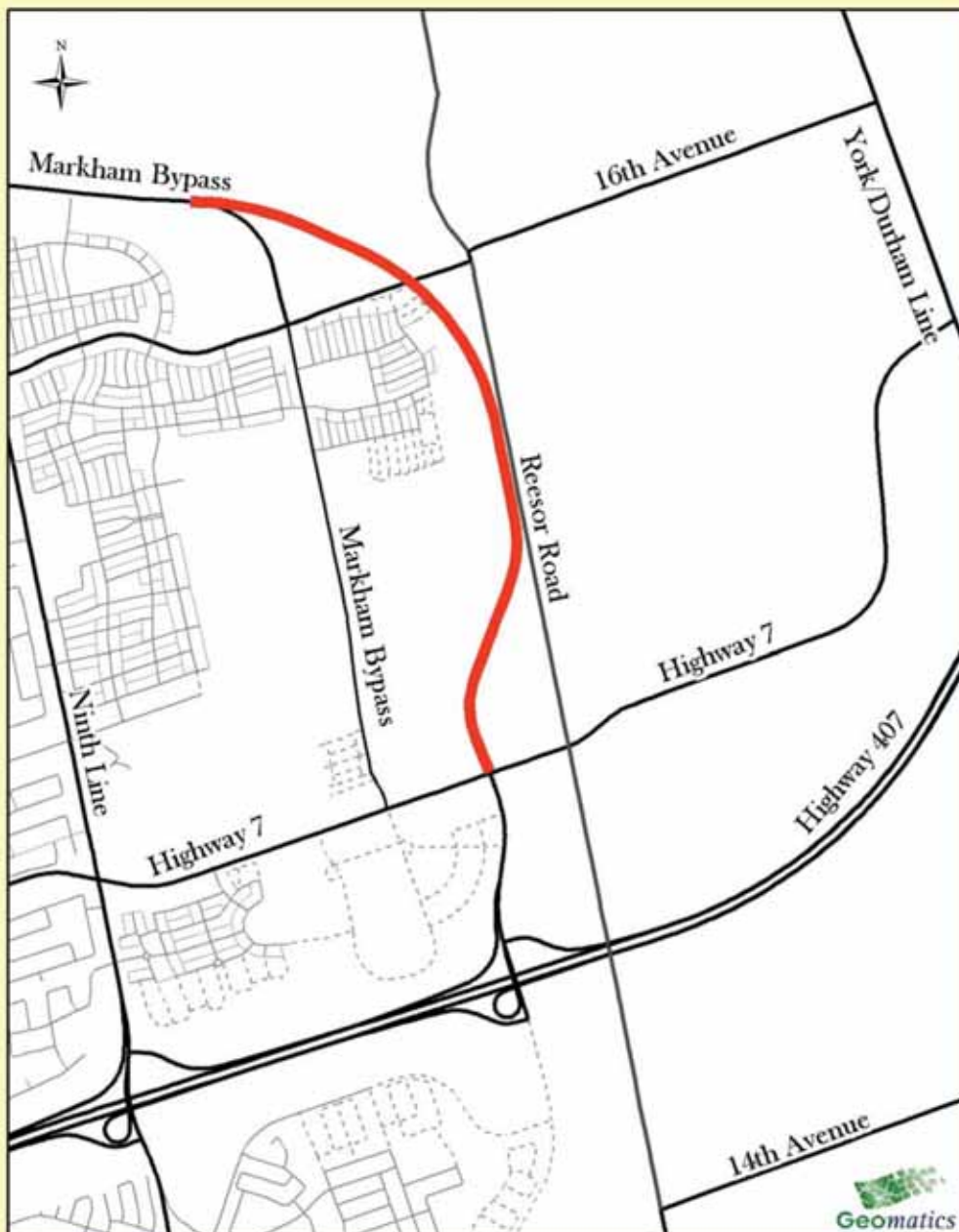
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Markham Bypass now open!

Members of York Regional Council and Town of Markham Council officially opened the third phase of the Markham Bypass on October 24th.

Commuters can now drive seamlessly from Major Mackenzie Drive to Highway 407 along this new four-lane roadway.

To date, York Region has invested more than \$36 million on this transportation project.

