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Media Advisory

Southeast Collector Trunk Sewer Individual Environmental Assessment Public Information Forums

The Regional Municipalities of York and Durham will hold two Public Information Forums (PIFs) to allow interested persons to comment on the mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities of the Southeast Collector Trunk Sewer Individual Environmental Assessment (IEA).

DATE:	Tuesday, April 15 th	DATE:	Thursday, April 17 th
TIME:	6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Presentation at 7 p.m.	TIME:	6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Presentation at 7 p.m.
LOCATION:	Remington Parkview Golf Club 6400 Steeles Avenue East Town of Markham	LOCATION:	Pine Ridge Secondary School 2155 Liverpool Road North City of Pickering
PRESENT:	• Representatives from York and Durham Regions • Representatives from project consulting team, including Earth Tech Canada Inc., Gartner Lee Ltd. and Conestoga Rovers Associates		

BACKGROUND:

York and Durham Regions are undertaking the Southeast Collector Trunk Sewer IEA to address the additional sanitary sewer flows projected from future approved growth as allowed for in York Region's Official Plan.

Recent activities of the Southeast Collector Trunk Sewer Individual Environmental Assessment include:

- Confirmation of the preferred route - begins just north of Box Grove in the Town of Markham and follows along 14th Avenue to Townline Road. It turns south and follows Townline Road to the Hydro corridor, travelling east along the Hydro corridor to Liverpool Road. The route proceeds south on Liverpool Road to Finch Avenue, continuing east on Finch Avenue and ending at Valley Farm Road in the City of Pickering.
- Refining and advancing the proposed trunk sewer to provide greater detail to both the public and to agencies.
- Development of more specific mitigation and environmental monitoring plans to reduce and minimize environmental effects of the project.
- Development of a preliminary list of recommended enhancements beyond the normal mitigation and compensation measures.

Public Information Forums are now being held to allow interested persons to comment on:

- Detailed assessments of the potential effects on the environment associated with construction and operation of the proposed sewer
- Recommended mitigation measures for minimizing potential impacts
- Recommended environmental monitoring plans for use during the construction and operation of the proposed sewer
- Recommended ecological, recreational, and infrastructure enhancements for the area

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