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For Immediate Release

Langstaff Road closed from Dufferin Street to Highway 7 in the City of Vaughan

Commuters asked to avoid the area

NEWMARKET – Langstaff Road has been closed from Dufferin Street to Highway 7 in the City of Vaughan due to significant damage from ground settlement.

Damage to the roadway, resulting from poor ground conditions encountered during tunnelling operations of the Bathurst Collector and Langstaff Trunk Sewer project, has prompted staff from York Region to close the section of Langstaff Road as assessment and repairs continue.

Commuters are advised to use the following alternate routes: Keele Street, Dufferin Street, Bathurst Street, Rutherford Road, Centre Street, Highway 7 and Highway 407.

Pavement settlement on Friday afternoon, combined with the break of a York Region watermain, caused the closure of the two westbound lanes of Langstaff Road. York Region subsequently closed all lanes on Langstaff Road from Dufferin Street to Highway 7.

York Region staff have been working throughout the weekend to stabilize the site and assess the extent of the settlement. Electronic traffic signs have been installed and traffic signals have been modified to help re-route motorists around the area.

Initial repairs to the settlement began immediately. However, substantial work in this area will be required over the coming months.

The Region continues to work in this area, and traffic lanes will be re-opened as soon as it is safe to do so.

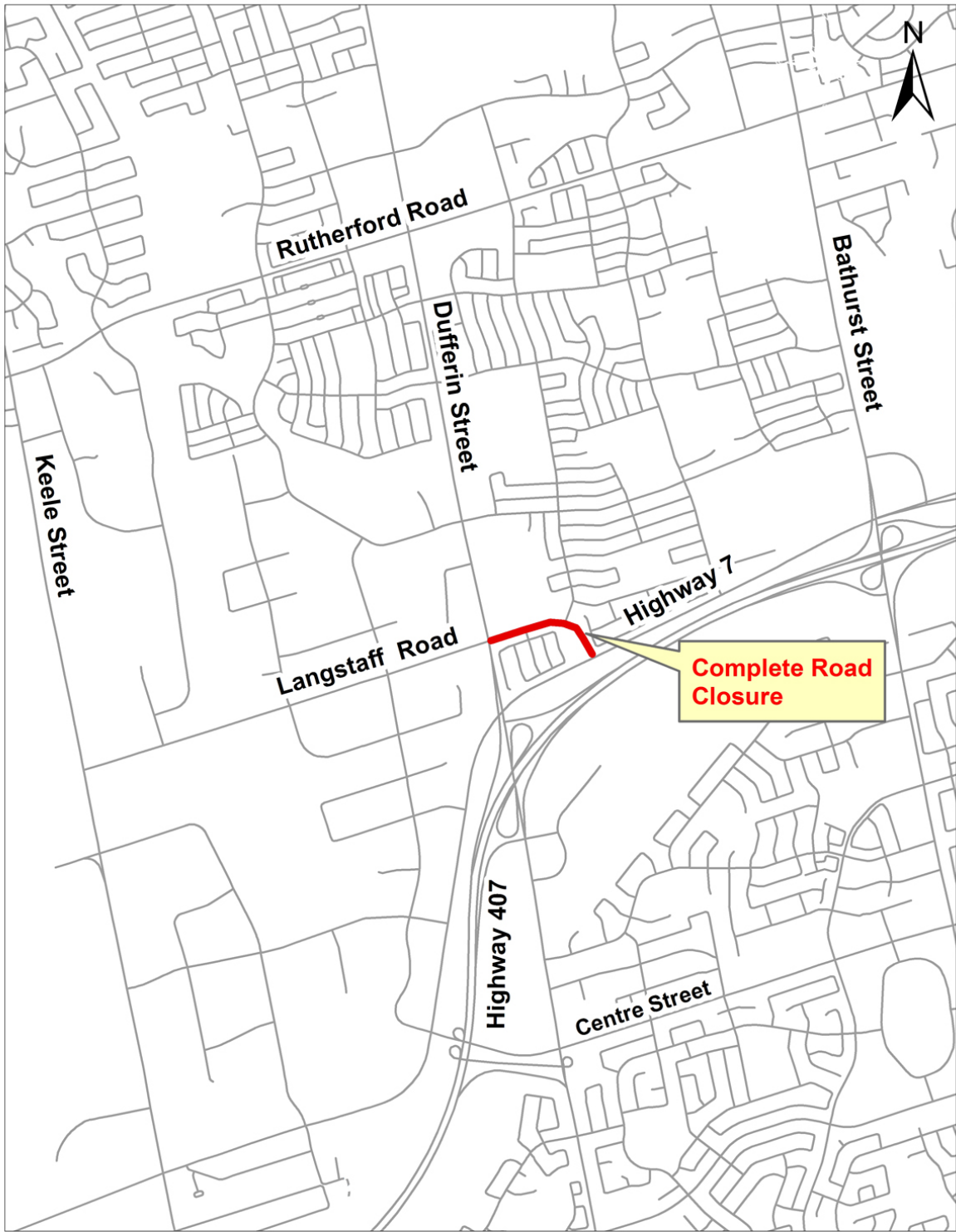
Pedestrian access has been maintained on the south side of Langstaff Road and local road access for residents will be maintained throughout the road repair period. Emergency vehicles will have access to the area at all times.

York Region will continue to provide updates as the situation progresses.

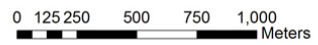
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Location Plan
Complete Road Closure



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