



## NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

### MAIN STREET MARKHAM CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FROM HIGHWAY 407 TO FUTURE DONALD COUSENS PARKWAY

Main Street Markham is a major north-south roadway which extends from Steeles Avenue to the north limit of the Town of Markham and is known as Markham Road (between Steeles Avenue and Highway 7), Main Street Markham (between Highway 7 and 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue) and Highway 48 (north of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue) - hereafter to be referred to as "Main Street Markham". Currently, Main Street Markham is 2 lanes between Highway 407 and Highway 7; 4 lanes between Highway 7 and 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue (i.e. Markham Village); and 2 lanes north of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue. While the section in Markham Village accommodates 4 lanes, with on street parking, the roadway functions as a 2 lane road most of the time.

Based on the findings of the Town of Markham Transportation Planning Study (2002), the Main Street Markham Streetscape and Traffic Management Study (2003), Highway 48 Urban Design Study – 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Major Mackenzie Drive (2005) and proposed future development, there is a need to address the overall transportation requirements along the Main Street Markham corridor.

Therefore, the Town of Markham is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment for Main Street Markham from Highway 407 to the future Donald Cousens Parkway. This study will identify the problem / opportunities, assess the alternative solutions and preliminary design concepts to address the potential environmental effects, and determine the preferred alternative. The study is being conducted in compliance with Schedule 'C' of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. This notice is issued on February 28, 2008.

Public consultation is a key component. The public will be invited to attend Public Information Centres that will be scheduled as the study proceeds. For further information on this project, or if you wish to be put on the study mailing list, please contact:

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