

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

UPPER YORK SEWAGE SOLUTIONS

INDIVIDUAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TO MANAGE SEWAGE IN THE PROJECT SERVICE AREA

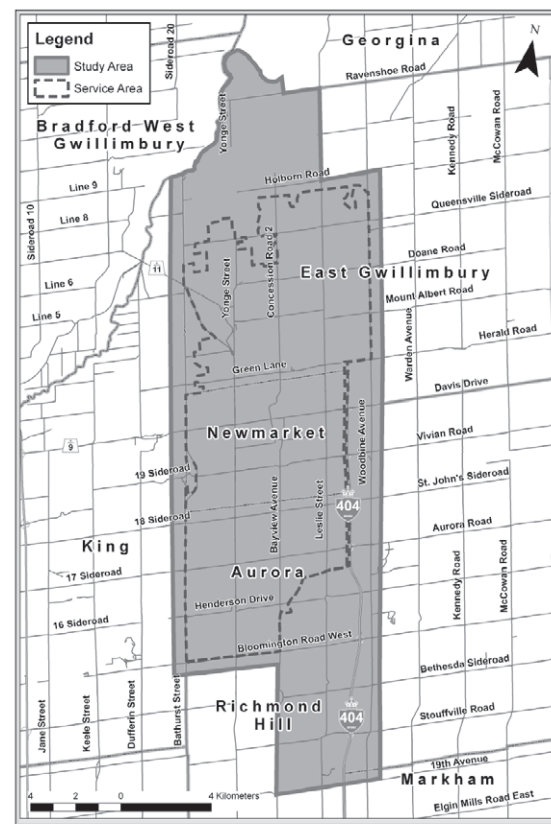
The Regional Municipality of York (York Region) Upper York Sewage Solutions (UYSS) project will develop a sustainable sewage servicing solution to accommodate forecasted growth in the UYSS service area. This growth is in accordance with both the provincial growth management policies outlined in the Growth Plan pursuant to the *Places to Grow Act, 2005* and with applicable environmental statutes including, but not limited to, the *Lake Simcoe Protection Act, 2008*, the *Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act, 2001*, the *Greenbelt Act, 2005* and the *Ontario Water Resources Act*.

The service area consists of the growth portions of the Town of Aurora, Town of Newmarket and portions of East Gwillimbury, including Holland Landing, Queensville and Sharon (please see map).

On November 20, 2009, York Region will submit a proposed Terms of Reference to the Ministry of the Environment for review and approval as part of the UYSS Individual Environmental Assessment (IEA). A Terms of Reference is a document that is prepared by a proponent which sets out the framework or work plan for the planning and decision-making process to be followed by during preparation of the environmental assessment. As a result, a Terms of Reference is the first step of a two-step approval process for proposed "undertakings" in the Province of Ontario that are subject to the *Environmental Assessment Act (EA Act)*.

The preparation of the environmental assessment represents the second step of the *EA Act* approvals process. When a Terms of Reference is approved by Ontario's Minister of the Environment, it is then used as a blueprint for the preparation of the environmental assessment.

The proposed Terms of Reference will be available for public review during regular business hours from November 20 to December 21, 2009 at the locations indicated below. A copy of the Terms of Reference is also available for review/download in the Library of Documents on the project website (<http://www.uyssolutions.ca/en/onlineresources/LibDocuments.asp>)



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Telephone: 905 727-1375

Town of Newmarket (Clerk's Office)
395 Mulock Drive
Newmarket, ON L3Y 4X7
Telephone: 905 895-5193

Town of East Gwillimbury (Clerk's Office)
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Sharon, ON L0G 1V0
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Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3P4
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Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1
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Aurora Public Library
15145 Yonge St.
Aurora, ON L4G 1M1
Telephone: 905 727-9493

Newmarket Public Library
438 Park Ave
Newmarket, ON L3Y 1W1
Telephone: 905 953-5110

East Gwillimbury Public Library (Holland Landing Branch)
19513 Yonge Street
Holland Landing, ON L9N 1P2
Telephone: 905 836-6492

Oak Ridges Moraine Public Library
13085 Yonge Street, Unit 12
Richmond Hill, ON L4E 3S8
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Ministry of the Environment
York Durham District Office
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North York, ON M2M 4J1
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Your written comments regarding the Terms of Reference must be received by December 21, 2009. All comments should be submitted to:

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A copy of all comments will be forwarded to The Regional Municipality of York by the Ministry of the Environment for their consideration.

For further information on the UYSS IEA and Terms of Reference, please contact:

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Comments, input, and information regarding the UYSS Terms of Reference may be included in project documentation. Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Environmental Assessment Act*, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and will be released, if requested, to any person.