

NOTICE OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

UPPER YORK SEWAGE SOLUTIONS

INDIVIDUAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

TO MANAGE SEWAGE IN THE PROJECT SERVICE AREA

The Regional Municipality of York's (York Region) Upper York Sewage Solutions (UYSS) project will develop a sustainable sewage servicing solution to accommodate forecasted growth in the Upper York 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 the *Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act*, the *Lake Simcoe Protection Act*, the *Greenbelt Act*, and the *Ontario Water Resources Act*.

York Region has prepared a Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) as part of the UYSS Environmental Assessment. A ToR 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 a proponent during preparation of the environmental assessment. As a result, a ToR 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 ToR is approved by Ontario's Minister of the Environment, it is then used as a blueprint for the preparation of the environmental assessment.

The Upper York service area consists of the Towns of Aurora, Newmarket, and portions of East Gwillimbury, as shown on the map below. The Draft ToR will be available for review during regular business hours from **August 20th to September 21st, 2009** at the locations indicated below.

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A copy of the Draft ToR is also available for review on the project website: www.uysolutions.ca. Written comments on the Draft ToR are requested by **September 21st, 2009**. All comments should be submitted to:

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Comments, input and information regarding the UYSS EA ToR may be included in project documentation. Comments, input and information received will be used in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.