

Victoria Square Boulevard Class  
Environmental Assessment

Woodbine Avenue (north  
connection) to Woodbine Avenue  
(south connection)

Environmental Study Report

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Public Comment  
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1	7/4/2016	email	Notice of Commencement	<p>Hi Dan,</p> <p>I saw from the newspaper that there will be a study commencing that may affect my property. Would you be able to provide me with some details related to the study, particularly any impacts it may have to existing home owners.</p> <p>In terms of a suggestion, my home [address] currently is backed onto a temporary road. I believe the city has provided fencing on the side of the property, but I found it odd that there was no fence provided in the back, esp since it is directly next to a road, making it not very safe for children and pets. Maybe that could be a potential improvement you can consider?</p> <p>Also, my particular property (corner unit) has a LOT of utilities on it (lamp post, fire hydrant, cable box, green electric box, and another large green box). I really hope there will be no more additional utilities/eyesores placed near my property and that there will be minimal disruption to the current landscape.</p> <p>Thank you so much for your help and consideration.</p> <p>Regards,</p>	<p>Ms. [...],</p> <p>Thank you for your email and comments.</p> <p>I apologize, but as we are just initiating the study, I don't have very much information to provide to you. The intent of the Study is to determine the feasibility of upgrading Victoria Square Boulevard (formerly Woodbine Avenue), from Woodbine Avenue to Woodbine Avenue, to an Urban Cross-Section (curbs and gutters) from its current Rural Cross-Section (gravel shoulders and ditches).</p> <p>Our study is restricted to upgrades to Victoria Square Boulevard, and I see that your home sits adjacent to Woodbine Avenue. I will pass your suggestion about fencing and utilities onto the appropriate department so that the matter can be investigated properly.</p> <p>If you have any additional questions related to our study, please contact Mr. Anthony Reitmeier, HDR Inc. HDR is the City's Design Consultant who is undertaking the Study</p> <p>Regards, Dan Foong</p>
2	12/4/2016	email	Notice of Commencement	<p>Good morning,</p> <p>I live on Thomas Reid Road, just East off "Victoria Square Boul.", I would like suggest to add side walks on Elgin Mills From Thomas Reid Road and Boyd Court as a part of this improvements .</p> <p>Thank you,</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments Ms. [...]. We'll review your suggestion and include it as part of our analysis of the area.</p> <p>Regards, Dan Foong</p>
3	12/4/2016	email	Notice of Commencement	<p>Dear Mr. Foong,</p> <p>We at Victoria Square Montessori School are very pleased to hear that efforts are in the works to improve the Victoria Square Blvd. I am the owner of the School at the base of the Blvd [10137 Victoria Square Blvd.] where approximately 150 of the parents from the neighbouring community send their little ones. Often, I have to field questions as what are being done in front of the building bordering the Square and the Blvd.</p> <p>We would appreciate it if you could meet with me or a couple of us, at a time that is suitable for you, to provide you with our comments, concerns and suggestions.</p> <p>Regards,</p>	<p>Thank you for your Comments Mr. [...].</p> <p>As part of the Study we will meet with the community at large to discuss opportunities for improvements. We are still in the information gathering stage of the Study and are not yet in a position to discuss if improvements can/will/may be implemented.</p> <p>I'd be happy to speak with you separately (after our public meeting) if you still have any questions. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your concerns.</p> <p>Additionally, please contact Mr. Anthony Reitmeier, HDR Inc (City's Design Consultant), for any additional questions or comments at this time.</p> <p>Regards, Dan Foong</p>

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4	14/4/2016	email	Notice of Commencement	<p>Dear Mr Foong, I am writing to you regarding the Schedule C, Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study for Victoria Square Blvd.As you know this area has no municipal water or sewer servicing and is on private well and septic tanks. As the area has developed and the number of homes and people that have moved into the area increases, the water is not as safe as before. The road salt for winter road de icing, other chemicals and the number of cars travelling in the area, are now more than ever polluting the air and road runoff of these chemicals are penetrating into the ground well water at dangerous levels. I personally have to have UV and filtration to have safe water for my family. There are no fire hydrants so if there was a fire in one of the homes fire trucks would have a hard time to put the fire out without water. Septic systems in the area are nearing more than 40 years old and some are leaching into the ground water. Also the streets such as Victoria St, Royal Albert St and Victoria Square Blvd are narrow and not up to municipal standards. There are no curbs or sidewalks for the residents and it is unsafe to walk on the soft boulevards especially in winter to get to a bus stop or even to the mail boxes.It is my hope that these issues will be looked at and addressed during this Study and that we residence may be able to get clean municipal water and if possible sanitary sewers and sidewalks.I must add a big thank you to Councilor Alan Ho who put forth this request for the study.Please keep me informed of any meetings regarding the study.</p>	<p>Comments noted. The majority of issues raised are beyond the scope of the Victoria Square EA and will be addressed through a separate local improvement process. This was discussed in person at PIC #1 in June 2016.</p>
5	15/4/2016	email	Notice of Commencement	<p>Dear Mr. Foong and Mr. Reitmeier,As a home owner on the "old" Woodbine Ave, now named Victoria Square Blvd., I have received a letter in regards to potential improvement study for our street. I have a few comments and suggestions, they are as follows:1) Stop Sign: Currently Victoria Square Blvd. has a speed limit of 50km/h. As a homeowner, I noticed a lot of cars are travelling at a much higher speed. Perhaps drivers are used to the old Woodbine Ave. in which the speed limit used to be higher and considered as an Avenue. Also, there is a school, Sir John A. McDonald on the intersection of Victoria Sq. Blvd. and Betty Roman Blvd., it would be great if the City can consider adding a few stop signs along Victoria Sq. Blvd. where it intersects with Reflection Rd., Betty Roman Blvd. and Sir John Pope (see attachment: potential_stop_sign.png).2) Street Parking: There are more than 40 unit of townhouses along the west side of Victoria Sq. Blvd. My neighbors and I are hoping that the City can add street parking and curb along the west side of Victoria Sq. Blvd. Something like this currently exist in the neighborhood, i.e. Russell Dawson Blvd, Betty Roman Blvd, and Murison Dr. (please refer to the respective attachment)3) Bike Lane: There are a lot of bicycle riders along Victoria Sq. Blvd. on the weekends. A marked/designated bike lane along Victoria Sq. Blvd would be favorable to those bikers. Thank you for your consideration.</p>	<p>Response from D. Foong: Thank you for your comments Mr. [...],We'll keep your comments on file when we complete our analysis of the area. We are still in the information gathering stage of the Study and are not yet in a position to discuss if improvements can/will/may be implemented. Additionally, please contact Mr. Anthony Reitmeier, HDR Inc (City's Design Consultant), for any additional questions or comments at this time.</p>

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6	19/4/2016	email	Notice of Commencement	<p>Dan,I reside at [...]. I saw the City's ad in the April 7th Economist and Sun and wanted to express interest in the project and add my name to the project mailing list.I am a project manager in the transportation planning department at MMM (now WSP) in Thornhill. I commute by bike. I have two children at Sir John A MacDonald Public School who bike to school. It is great to see the City envisioning a future for this road. The cathedral, while a beautiful building, acts as a major detriment to mobility in Cathedraltown. There are no sidewalks adjacent to the cathedral on Victoria Square Boulevard and the shoulder is not paved. The gravel shoulder slopes considerably and often is soft if there has been any precipitation.The road is posted 50kph, which I support, but people often travel faster because the appearance of the road suggests higher speeds. I hope to see a complete street design that includes continuous sidewalks on both sides of the road and some type of bike facility.I would recommend a paved multi-use trail. Even though there are many bike lanes in Cathedraltown, I see more people riding on the sidewalk than on the bike lane. Most do not feel safe on bike lanes. I would prefer to see the multi-use trail on the west side of the road to service Sir John A MacDonald Public School, but recognize that there also is a school on the east side of the road.Thank you for letting me express my initial input. I would be happy to participate more in this study.</p>	<p>Response from D. Foong: Thank you for your comments. Please CC the City's design consultants (HDR Inc) on future correspondence.</p>
7	21/4/2016	phone conversation	Notice of Commencement	<p>Phone conversation - D. Foong and resident.</p>	<p>D. Foong's email sumamrizing phone conversation: I've summarized our conversation below, please let me know if I've captured it accurately."The builder of your home had promised the previous owner of your home that a curb would be installed along Woodbine Avenue (now Victoria Square Boulevard) by the City/Region. When you purchased the property 5 years ago, the previous owner made you aware of this promise. You have already spoken to a representative at the City who noted that the road was under regional jurisdiction and that there was nothing to be done. Now that the road is under the jurisdiction of the City you'd like to know if the promise will be fulfilled. The area is extremely muddy and visitors to your home do not have a place to park on Victoria Square Boulevard when visiting."Again, we will be having community meeting and we invite you to come out to provide additional comments. You should receive a notice in the mail well in advance of the meeting. If you wish to leave additional comments, please contact the City's Design Consultant, Mr. Anthony Reitmeier (HDR Inc.), and he'll be happy to assist; I've cc'd him on this correspondence.Regards,Dan Foong</p>
8	21/4/2016	Email in response to call summary	Notice of Commencement	<p>Dear Mr. Foong; Thank you very much for your quick and accurate response . In addition we would like to know by adding the curb we would have visitor's parking spaces as well ?</p>	<p>Response from D. Foong:  Part of the Study will determine the necessity of parking spaces.</p>

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9	21/4/2016	Email	Notice of Commencement	<p>Dear Mr. Foong My name is [...] and I live at [...], I am so glad that Markham finally took over this portion of the road and initiated the study for improvements. I have the following comments/concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) curbs - it would be great if proper curbs and drainage are to be built on both sides of the street.</li> <li>2) speed limit and traffic noise - I've seen cars/motorcycles going way over the speed limit of 50 km/h especially in summer time, I suggested to the City of Markham to build some speed bumps but I was told that it would be more noisy as cars accelerate after passing the speed bumps. Would building some low walls help bounce off or absorb some of the traffic noise? Also, would it be possible to install some speed display boards to warn drivers?</li> <li>3) Truck restriction between Reflection Road and Elgin Mills Road - Although there are signs saying no truck access but I've seen so many times trucks going both ways in this portion of the street.</li> <li>4) Long wait at traffic light on south bound Victoria Square Blvd at Woodbine Ave - The traffic light seems to have some kind of weight sensor to detect any cars south bound on Victoria Square Blvd stopping at the traffic light but the sensor only works between certain time window(s). I leave home for work early around 6:45am, every time I hit the traffic light I have to wait so long for the traffic light to turn green while there is virtually no traffic on Woodbine Ave (formerly Woodbine Bypass). It seems like the sensor is not set to work until later in the morning.</li> <li>5) Dump place at the southwest corner of Victoria Square Blvd and Betty Roman Rd - this area seems like it's been abandoned, I am not sure if this land is owned by the developer/builder. Would it be possible to 'beautify' this area? I'd appreciate if you'd take my comments/concerns into consideration and I am looking forward to seeing some improvements to the street.</li> </ol> <p>Best regards</p>	<p>Response from D. Foong: Thank you for your comments and your questions. I've provided responses to your inquiries below in GREEN.</p> <p>If you have any questions, or wish to discuss further, please contact the City's Design Consultant, Mr. Anthony Reitmeier; I've cc'd on this email.</p> <p>Dan Foong</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The purpose of this study is to determine if the addition of curbs is warranted in this area.</li> <li>2) Speed bumps on major collector roads are generally not desirable. The congestion that they create would make the roadway worse in terms of noise and air quality. They are better used in parking lots and areas where there is high pedestrian traffic. Monitoring/Ticketing speeding is undertaken by York Regional Police. You can contact YRP and request in an increased presence. As you've noted, noisy cars will be accelerating after clearing the speed bump creating more noise. Changes in speed (slowing down or speeding up) generally create more noise than cars moving at a constant speed. As part of the study we will determine if sound mitigation is required. There are two (2) speed display boards available for every ward and their location is determined by your local Councillor (Mr. Alan Ho). Please contact his office if you wish to request.</li> <li>3) Please contact YRP regarding truck traffic restrictions.</li> <li>4) Traffic sensors function 24/7. There isn't a specific time when they are active or not. The intersection is controlled by the Region of York; please contact them to discuss your concern. (<a href="http://www.york.ca/wps/portal/yorkhome/transportation/yr/traffic/trafficsignaltiming">http://www.york.ca/wps/portal/yorkhome/transportation/yr/traffic/trafficsignaltiming</a>)</li> <li>5) What happens in this area is part of this study.</li> </ol>
10	7/5/2016	Email - follow-up from previous correspondence with York Region and City of Markham re: inadequate streetlighting prior to the commencement of the Victoria Square EA.	Notice of Commencement	<p>Hi Dan,</p> <p>Please let me know the update status of the EA study for Victoria Square Blvd. Our house has been occupy for over 2 years but the outside road is not complete and lighting was not adequate especially in Winter time so hopefully some improvement will be implement this summer. I also wonder if the old Bell Pole can be removed or replaced.</p> <p>Thanks for your help and wish you have a good weekend.</p>	<p>Response from T. Erwin:</p> <p>Thank you for your comments regarding the Victoria Square Municipal Class Environmental Assessment. Your suggestions will be added to the comments received and documented as part of this phase of the project and your email will be added to our mailing list to keep you up to date on the project. Utilities, including lighting, will be reviewed as part of this study, however; as noted in previous email correspondence with the City the timing of any improvements will not be before 2018.</p> <p>We thank you for your continued interest in this study.</p> <p>Should you have any further inquiries or input, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.</p>
11	10/5/2016	Email as follow up to previous correspondence	Notice of Commencement	<p>Hi Tara, Thanks for your reply, great to receive update and hope to see the improvement sooner as another two years to start is quite a long time after the two years move in. Best Regards</p>	n/a - comment noted.

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12	6/5/2016	Email	Notice of Commencement	<p>Hello Dan,</p> <p>Reference is made to the recent notices as published within the Markham Economist &amp; Sun community newspaper with relation to the Schedule C, Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study for Improvements to Victoria Square Boulevard.</p> <p>As a resident in the area, please find below some of the comments and ideas pertaining to the assessment to the future development of the proposed area for your consideration.</p> <p>Given the formerly Woodbine By-Pass was built west of Victoria Square Boulevard to divert major traffic flow out of from the Boulevard and the nearby residential community, it is important to establish the mentioned Study Corridor per the map within the Notice as a pedestrian and family friendly throughway, while protecting the historical establishments and limiting vehicles to local traffic only. With two churches by the corridor where one was built as early as 1880, two church affiliated historical cemeteries, two elementary public schools adjacent to the study area, and numerous residential homes, it would be ideal to establish the improved Victoria Square Boulevard be enhanced to provide similar aesthetics of Markham Main Street and Unionville Main Street. With the Study Corridor located on the most north and west end of Markham, the development in the area may provide the area with an access point family recreation and outdoor leisure setting only available in the eastern portion of the city (Markham and Unionville Main Street).</p> <p>In relation to the gradient around the Study Corridor where much of the undeveloped side portions of the road is graded for drainage, one can consider creating sidewalks from wood on top of these drainage areas. This will retain the potential engineering needs of the area, while also providing a "boardwalk" like environment to the area for residents and pedestrians, blending in with the ravines, drainage ponds, and small woodlots particularly in the southern portion of the Study Corridor. This will further allow the development of the area to be further integrated parks and historical landmarks in the northern portion as well. That said, connectivity to Victoria Square Community Centre and Victoria Square Park along with its arboretum should further enhance the environment. Furthermore, linking the Study Corridor area to the nearby commercial area of Cathedral High Street behind the Cathedral of the Transfiguration, which in itself is a visitor landmark.</p> <p>With the above said, a parallel cycling path is as important as developing walkways in the area, and should be factored into when planning.</p> <p>I do believe taking advantage of the historical setting along with the developed suburban residential environment within the area, a proper development of the Study Corridor area will enhance the City's reputation for an environmentally conscious developmental reputation, while also improving the quality of life for the nearby residents in the area.</p> <p>I do look forward to any updates the city and you may have pertaining to the above assessment in the near future. Should you require any feedback on ideas and opinions, please feel free to reach out as well.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and your dedication to the above mentioned study.</p>	<p>Response from T. Erwin:</p> <p>Thank you for your comments regarding the Victoria Square Municipal Class Environmental Assessment. Your suggestions will be added to the comments received and documented as part of this phase of the project and your email will be added to our mailing list to keep you up to date on the project.</p> <p>We thank you for your continued interest in this study.</p> <p>Should you have any further inquiries or input, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.</p>

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13	17/6/2016	Email	PIC 1	<p>Reference is made to the below notice of Open House at the beginning of the week. Unfortunately, due to work obligations, I was unable to attend the session, and hence would like to see if there is another avenue I can review the potential improvement plan for the stated project. Would this be available in any public domain for reference?</p> <p>Appreciate your feedback.</p>	<p>Response from V. Restrepo:</p> <p>Thank you for your email and your interest in the Victoria Square Boulevard EA study. The material presented at the open house can be found at the following link:  <a href="http://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/Markham/BusinessDevelopment/PlanningAndDevelopmentServices/engineeringservices/victoriasquareboulevardimprovements/">http://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/Markham/BusinessDevelopment/PlanningAndDevelopmentServices/engineeringservices/victoriasquareboulevardimprovements/</a></p> <p>Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or comments.</p>
14	3/6/2016	Email	PIC 1	<p>Hello Veronica, Thanks for the update. Can we have a quick conversation regarding the meeting ahead of time? Also, perhaps my memory isn't serving me well, but I thought that the billboards on Victoria Square Blvd. mentioned the Montessori School as the meeting place???</p>	<p>A. Reitmeier called resident on 6/3/2016 to discuss the project as requested. Response from V. Restrepo: Hi Denis, Thank you for your interest in the study. I believe you spoke with Anthony Reitmeier (consultant project manager) last week, and he answered your questions. We look forward to discussing the project with you at the open house next Monday – to clarify, the open house will be held at the Victoria Square Community Centre, not at the Montessori School. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.</p>
15	6/6/2016	Email	PIC 1	<p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>There is no need to widen the Victoria Square Blvd. at present as there is only a few vehicles and bicycle users everyday.</p> <p>Widening it will jeopardize the scenic road as you did to Warden Avenue from 16th Avenue to Major Mackenzie and also destroy the heritage status as previously stated in many of yours to the public documents.</p> <p>Thanks,</p>	<p>Response from A. Reitmeier:</p> <p>Good day Mr. [...],</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the Victoria Square Municipal Class Environmental Assessment. This study will review needs and opportunities for infrastructure improvements to accommodate all road users along Victoria Square Boulevard – motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, and transit users. We invite you to attend our upcoming open house to learn more about the project and discuss your concerns with the project team. The open house will be held on Monday, June 13, 2016 at the Victoria Square Community Centre – details are included in the attached notice.</p> <p>Your comments and suggestions will be added to the comments received and documented as part of this phase of the project and your email will be added to our mailing list to keep you up to date on the project.</p> <p>Should you have any further inquiries or input, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.</p>
16	13/6/2016 to 27/6/2016	Comment Form and email	PIC 1	<p>Comment forms and emails with comments related to the material presented at the first open house on June 13, 2016.</p>	<p>n/a. Comments are summarized by theme in the open house summary report. Those who indicated interest in the study and requested to be added to the mailing list will be added and will receive future project updates and notifications.</p>
17	28/6/2016	Email	PIC 1	<p>Hi Alan, Hope you are doing well and I wanted to mention that my neighbors and I happy with all the updates you have been providing us about the community and updates etc. I wanted to follow up with you from the email I sent you around 2 years ago. The residents/Neighbors and I from the townhouses that live on Victoria Square Blvd (between Murison Dr and Pope John Paul II Square) want to inquire about possible parking spots in front as there are no official parking spots when visitors come visit. I understand at the time we asked you 2 years ago the road wasn't taken over by the town of Markham but now that it has been officially taken over by you guys we wanted to check to see if there are any plans soon to make parking spots for all of us in front of our townhouses. Please let me know when you get a chance so I can help pass the info along to the fellow neighbors</p>	<p>Response from A. Reitmeier: Hello [...], As part of the ongoing Victoria Square Boulevard Environmental Assessment Study, HDR will be working with the City of Markham to review the need and feasibility for on-street parking along various segments of Victoria Square Boulevard. Your request for including on-street parking between Murison Drive and Pope John Paul II Square will be considered as we move forward with the study. Your suggestions will be added to the comments received and documented as part of this phase of the project, and your email address will be added to our mailing list to keep you up to date on the project. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any additional questions or comments.</p>

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	6/7/2016	Email in response to previous correspondence	PIC 1	Hi Anthony, Thanks for getting back and providing an update appreciate it, and thanks for considering in adding parking for the townhouse residents on Victoria Square between Murison Drive and Pope John Paul II Square. I will provide an update to the neighbors as well. If official parking spots will be added in front that would help because currently visitors don't really have any other places to park other than the front but it's not really properly paved so most of them don't know they can park there since it's all gravel right now. Please keep me posted and any new updates I receive I will definitely update my neighbors as well as we have been asking for parking spots since we all moved in 5 years ago.	Comment noted.
	12/10/2016	Email	PIC 1	Hi Anthony, Hope you are doing well, The neighbours have come to ask me to see if there are any new updates in regards to making official parking spots in front of our townhouses? Please let me know if you have any updates and or if there are any plans to make parking for us in front so I can provide this info to the neighbours also. Please let me know when you get a chance	Thank you for your email. At this time, the project team is still assessing the alternative roadway sections for each segment of Victoria Square Boulevard. Our findings will be presented at the next public open house. Your email address is included on our contact list so you will receive a notice informing you of the open house time, date, and location.
	27/10/2016	Email	PIC 1	Thanks for getting back on this inquiry. I have informed my neighbours that you guys are still assessing the official parking spots in front of our townhouses on Victoria Square between Murison Dr and Pope John Paul II Square. We all hope you guys will consider putting these parking spots because there are really no official parking spots when guests come visit us. It has been more than 7 years that we have been making inquiries and we hope something will be done to help all of us out.	Comment noted.
	2/24/2017	Email	PIC 1	Hope you are doing well, the neighbors have been bugging me to ask you guys and we were wondering if you have any updates in regards to putting official parking spots in front of our townhouses on Victoria Square Blvd between Murison Dr and Pope John Paul 2 square. Is this being considered in the Budget? Visitors have no where to really park when they come visit esp when it is raining as the grounds in front are really muddy. Please let us know if there are any plans for this anytime soon.	Thank you for your email. At this time, the project team is still assessing the alternative roadway designs for each segment of Victoria Square Boulevard. On-street parking is being considered, and candidate locations include townhouse units that front onto the Victoria Square Boulevard and neighbourhood parks adjacent to the street. Our findings will be presented at the next public open house. Your email address is included on our contact list so you will receive a notice informing you of the open house time, date, and location. If you have additional questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.
18	14/06/2016	Email	PIC 1	Dear Alberto: How are you? Actually we met yesterday's evening and I mentioned about the development plan of South of Vetmar Road, would you check and update if any information of the plan as well as the schedule and I appreciate for your help in this matter	Response from A. Lim:  The following information was provided to me by our Development Engineering group regarding the proposed developments south of Vetmar Rd: - There is a draft plan of subdivision for the Livante Holdings (west of Victoria Square Blvd.) consisting of 14 single residential lots and 10 partial blocks to be combined with the parcel to the west. This draft plan of subdivision is going for approval by end of July 2016. The Owner is proposing to proceed with servicing this summer. - On the east side of Victoria Sq. Blvd., there are two Plans of Subdivisions that were approved in Nov. 2014 and March 2015, consisting of 179 units of lane and street townhouses. The owner is proposing to start with both the internal works and external works. There is an outstanding issue regarding the storm water management pond outlet through the lands to the east that needs to be resolved before these two developments proceed.



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19	17/6/2016	Email	PIC 1	<p>Greetings,</p> <p>I am writing to request pdfs of the posters displayed during this past Monday's Open House for the EA work being done on Victoria Square Blvd.</p> <p>A member of Markham's engineering staff had informed me at that time the posters would be made available on the City's website. At this time I have been unsuccessful in locating them. Thank you for your attention on this matter.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	<p>The boards from our PIC are now on the City's web pages.</p> <p>Here is the link:</p> <p><a href="http://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/Markham/BusinessDevelopment/PlanningAndDevelopmentServices/engineeringservices/victoriasquareboulevardimprovements/">http://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/Markham/BusinessDevelopment/PlanningAndDevelopmentServices/engineeringservices/victoriasquareboulevardimprovements/</a>.</p>
20	23/6/2016	Email	PIC 1	<p>I received the notice of study commencement as well I attended the open house a week ago at the community center and I am thankful that you are reaching out to the residents for ideas and comments regarding the development. I also wrote in some comments last week and just wanted to introduce myself in this email and give some feedback. I am the owner of 10238 Victoria Square Blvd and have lived here for 6 years. I love the area very much and just have the few comments and ideas that I would like to share here: 1. All the wooden poles on Victoria Square Blvd used for hydro lines or electric lines are crooked and leaning over. I am scared one day that one will fall over. They also look very ugly and I think something needs to be done maybe removal of them. 2. The East side of Victoria Square Blvd (conservation area) should be properly landscaped (I know there is a small creek running through it but something should be done, the weeds are very tall and I also notice that some people can dump garbage there.. (Although in the summer nights the firefly show there is spectacular on some rainy nights). I guess this is the purpose of this study but yes, I strongly agree that something has to be done on this street! 3. On the west side, there is currently grass/weed that is city property but I feel very strongly that this area should be for parking for the residence. I think most people would vote no for this because they do not live there but for the residence it is very important to have parking, especially since this is the front of our house. In the meantime, the grass there is only cut a couple of times a year which doesn't really work as well. I also received a ticket there in the past because I parked there past a certain time at night. 4. I also believe stop signs at the intersections would calm down the traffic there. In the mornings during rush hour it seems that the cars are moving quite fast. I know there is police there at times but stop signs would turn the street into a small street and I think would make the street more inviting for bicycles and pedestrians. I also remember when I first moved in, the builder compared the street to "main street" Unionville where eventually stores and retail and food places would open up... I guess that won't happen for some time.. but it will be interesting to see how it will develop. Again, I am very happy you are taking the time to reach out to us for our comments, the above is all I have for now, in case I think of anything else, I will share. If you have any comments on the above, please reach out anytime.</p>	<p>Comment was sent to York Region's communication team, not City of Markham/project team (refer to item below)</p>
21	4/7/2016	Email (follow-up to June 23, 2016 email)	PIC 1	<p>Hello</p> <p>I didn't receive any reply to the below so I just wanted to resend to see if you got this message. I also wanted to add another item on the below in which I think there should be "light"s set up at the tennis courts so that there can be evening playtime. (corner of murison and Victoria square blvd). The lights would really brighten up the area and nowadays lights do not require that much energy so I think it would be really good.</p> <p>I hope this email finds you well. Please let me know if there are any questions or concerns.</p>	<p>Response from York Region:</p> <p>Thank you for your email and feedback.</p> <p>Your comments have been incorporated into the study findings. Additional information regarding the study will be available on <a href="http://york.ca/ea">york.ca/ea</a>. Your contact information have been added to our mailing list.</p> <p>I forwarded your concerns regarding the conservation area off Victoria Square Blvd, the maintenance of the Boulevard and your lighting request to the City of Markham Customer Service as those areas are looked after by the City.</p> <p>Should you have additional questions, please let me know.</p>

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					<p>Response from V. Restrepo: Hi [...], We received the comments that you sent to York Region per the email chain below. The Victoria Square Boulevard EA is a City of Markham project. To clarify, additional information regarding the study will be available on the project website (<a href="http://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/Markham/BusinessDevelopment/PlanningAndDevelopmentServices/engineeringservices/victoriasquareboulevardimprovements/">http://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/Markham/BusinessDevelopment/PlanningAndDevelopmentServices/engineeringservices/victoriasquareboulevardimprovements/</a>) and not on York Region's EA website. Your suggestions will be documented as part of this phase of the project and considered as we move forward into the next phase, and your email address will be added to our mailing list to keep you up to date on the project. Thank you for your comments and your interest in this study – if you have any further comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. You can also contact the City of Markham project manager for this study (Alberto Lim, <a href="mailto:ALim@markham.ca">ALim@markham.ca</a>) or the consultant project manager (Anthony Reitmeier, <a href="mailto:Anthony.Reitmeier@hdrinc.com">Anthony.Reitmeier@hdrinc.com</a>).</p>
22	15/11/2016	Email	PIC 1	<p>I would like to be added into your mailing list.</p> <p>Also have an interest in learning more about Victoria Square Boulevard Improvements, specifically about the upcoming Open House meeting and updates about the Cathedral of the Transfiguration.</p>	<p>Response from A. Reitmeier:</p> <p>Thank you for your email and interest in the Victoria Square Boulevard Environmental Assessment (EA). The City of Markham is currently conducting this EA Study between Woodbine Avenue (North intersection) and Woodbine Avenue (South intersection) for the purpose of studying potential improvements to Victoria Square Boulevard in the form of road infrastructure, cycling facilities, and continuous sidewalks.</p> <p>Recently the City of Markham hosted a Public Open House to gain feedback from residents and the public regarding the project. Further information can be found on the City of Markham's website located here: <a href="http://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/Markham/BusinessDevelopment/PlanningAndDevelopmentServices/engineeringservices/victoriasquareboulevardimprovements/">http://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/Markham/BusinessDevelopment/PlanningAndDevelopmentServices/engineeringservices/victoriasquareboulevardimprovements/</a>.</p> <p>Your comments and suggestions will be documented as part of this phase of the project and your email will be added to our mailing list to keep you up to date on the project. Should you have any further inquiries or input, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.</p>
23	15/06/2017	Email	PIC 2	<p>It was pleasure meeting you last evening at the open house and was great chatting with you. As discussed yesterday , I will appreciate if you can pass our firms name around and it will be great to work together on some assignment one day. I have attached our firms brief profile and project team and also some projects that we have done over past few years. Will sur appreciate your help in passing information in HDR.I thought it was a great turn around last evening , hopefully city will have enough funding to get the Victoria street improvement going soon. Good luck with it!</p>	<p>It was a pleasure meeting you too – thank you for attending the open house and for your interest in the study. I have forwarded your company's information to others at HDR. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments about the Victoria Square Boulevard EA study.</p>
24	2/6/2017	Email	PIC 2	<p>Thank you for providing the update, we will be there.</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>

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25	6/5/2017	Email	PIC2	<p>Hi Aftab,</p> <p>Thank you for your information, just wants to clarify that two stop signs will be installed on Betty Roman and Vine Cliff intersections, how about Rinas Ave, does city going to have a pedestrian light above this intersection or one stop sign will also be installed on?</p> <p>May I know when these stop signs going to be on these points.</p> <p>Thanks, Alvin</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments and interest in the Victoria Square Boulevard Environmental Assessment Study. At the recent open house (held on June 14, 2017), the project team presented the recommended design for the improvements to Victoria Square Boulevard. These consist of urbanizing the roadway, adding a centre left-turn lane and on-street parking in certain segments as feasible, providing cycling and pedestrian facilities along all segments of Victoria Square Boulevard.</p> <p>In addition to these improvements, an all-way stop is proposed at the intersection of Victoria Square Boulevard and Betty Roman Boulevard/Stony Hill Boulevard to facilitate safer crossing of the street in the vicinity of Sir Wilfred Laurier Public School as well as providing a needed traffic calming measure along this segment of Victoria Square Boulevard. All other intersections are proposed to remain per existing conditions. However, the City will continue to monitor all intersections in the area to assess the need for additional all-way stops or signalized intersections in the future.</p> <p>Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions or comments related to the Victoria Square Boulevard Environmental Assessment Study.</p>

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26	6/26/2017	Email	PIC2	<p>Hello! I may, I would just like to add one more suggestion for the improving of Victoria Square Blvd. Perhaps the following suggestions may have already been considered regardless, I would like to share my vision with you all. How about installing a centre boulevard on Victoria Square Blvd and have grass, trees and flower bed landscaping in the centre. You would then have the centre boulevard separating the single north bound lane from the single southbound lane and hopefully such a design would also slow down the high speed traffic on Victoria Square Blvd. A centre Boulevard design would also make it safer and easier for ALL pedestrians to cross Victoria Square Blvd. I ask that you please design something special and place the stone entrance ways into Cathedraltown to help compensate for what the developer was suppose to have done originally. Thank You</p>	<p>Hello, Thank you for your comments and interest in the Victoria Square Boulevard Environmental Assessment Study. At the recent open house (held on June 14, 2017), the project team presented the recommended design for the improvements to Victoria Square Boulevard. These consist of urbanizing the roadway, adding a centre left-turn lane and on-street parking in certain segments as feasible, providing cycling and pedestrian facilities along all segments of Victoria Square Boulevard. In addition to these improvements, the proposed design includes gateway features at the two intersections with Woodbine Avenue (north and south intersections), and provisions for landscaping elements within the boulevard where space permits. A detailed landscaping strategy will be developed during detailed design (the next phase of design after the Environmental Assessment study is completed). Illumination will also be provided along the corridor, and the details will be confirmed during detailed design. The proposed centre left-turn lane is specifically intended to provide better left-turning movements for vehicles turning onto side roads and driveways, and as such, a continuous raised median for landscaping is not feasible. At locations where left-turns are not required, median details (including the potential for landscaping) will be confirmed during detailed design, and are subject to budget approval by City Council. Many of your other suggestions are beyond the scope of this study as they pertain to areas beyond the road right-of-way, but they have been circulated to City staff for their consideration. If you would like to review the material presented at the June 14, 2017 Open House, I encourage you to check the City of Markham website at the following link:  <a href="http://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/Markham/BusinessDevelopment/PlanningAndDevelopmentServices/engineeringservices/victoriasquareboulevardimprovements!/ut/p/a1/IVLfb4lwEP5rfGxaBaE8KibK5o-4RQVehNOaITC2kKy_37VbFmWzM315Xq97-6-70tpSmOaSuhFAUY0EqpLnnov7mYehss9346eXMaiaLYfr2fblecuPdCUppk0rSlpUoM6l1BnjdRGmA6lsVdjw4Cx4WcRtDA4YMdOC4lag8xz7LFq2voK1EDaCqQUsvhe0qh6kaEeMJSFbUVIIV-PNphGCdCvHSg8NI2FPahc1K1qerwOuFBtM5HTBE8By2HsEMvLI27ucHIM_ICwUeYEYw-B-2i1J1Y7u3Em7C5rLCScTxauv7Q9u_mMrf52utusHh0WeR-AX1YkloN_c8mG0ed_inr4i7VVPVKrcFXysWBKluSpofEPltP4HssPU_ujFpyVBW3rmjtv5Hxar0ma8OIdvAgpDQ!!/dl5/d5/L2dBISEvZ0FBIS9nQSEh/">http://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/Markham/BusinessDevelopment/PlanningAndDevelopmentServices/engineeringservices/victoriasquareboulevardimprovements!/ut/p/a1/IVLfb4lwEP5rfGxaBaE8KibK5o-4RQVehNOaITC2kKy_37VbFmWzM315Xq97-6-70tpSmOaSuhFAUY0EqpLnnov7mYehss9346eXMaiaLYfr2fblecuPdCUppk0rSlpUoM6l1BnjdRGmA6lsVdjw4Cx4WcRtDA4YMdOC4lag8xz7LFq2voK1EDaCqQUsvhe0qh6kaEeMJSFbUVIIV-PNphGCdCvHSg8NI2FPahc1K1qerwOuFBtM5HTBE8By2HsEMvLI27ucHIM_ICwUeYEYw-B-2i1J1Y7u3Em7C5rLCScTxauv7Q9u_mMrf52utusHh0WeR-AX1YkloN_c8mG0ed_inr4i7VVPVKrcFXysWBKluSpofEPltP4HssPU_ujFpyVBW3rmjtv5Hxar0ma8OIdvAgpDQ!!/dl5/d5/L2dBISEvZ0FBIS9nQSEh/</a> Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions or comments related to the Victoria Square Boulevard Environmental Assessment Study. Regards, Anthony Reitmeier</p>