



Thornlea Secondary School

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Bi-Weekly e-Bulletin

March 10, 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 13-17	March Break
Mar 22	Parent/Guardian Teacher Interviews
Mar 24-27	Interim Reports
Apr 4	safeTALK Course for Families / Community 5:30-9:00 pm In the Library
Apr 7	Good Friday
Apr 10	Easter Monday



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Thornlea Families;

Last week was a very challenging week at Thornlea. There were two separate lockdowns that occurred and the police attended the school on both Tuesday and Wednesday. In such instances I am limited in what I can say. I can assure that the safety of our school, our students and staff are my number one priority. If you have any questions or concerns over what took place please feel free to contact me.

Last week both our Sr. Girls Volleyball team and our Boys Basketball teams won the YRAA championships. In the 55 year history of our school this has never happened before. I would like to congratulate our players and coaches for a great season. This week the boys travelled to Sarnia and had a great time at the provincial championships. The girls Volleyball team travelled to Barrie and had a 3-2 record, their only two losses were to the two teams playing in the provincial final. The team finished fifth in Ontario. In other sports news spring sports are starting, girl's rugby is practicing this Friday and boys rugby will start after March Break.

The drama department is starting rehearsals for Anne of Green Gables which will be this year's spring show. In the spring an art show and music night are also planned. In June our annual Luminary Awards will take place in our gym. During this event we will honor our outstanding art students and showcase their works. Dates will be shared with you shortly.

Finally, I would like to wish our students, staff and families a relaxing and safe March Break. Looking forward to seeing you back at school on Monday March 20th.

Warmest Regards,
Joe Foti

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Time: 7:00pm
Meeting Location:
Library (across from the office)

Meeting Dates:
Monday April 17, 2023

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STUDENT MEDICAL FORMS:

- [Anaphylaxis Health Care Plan](#)
- [Asthma Health Care Plan](#)
- [Diabetes Health Care Plan](#)
- [Epilepsy Health Care Plan](#)
- [Self Administration Of Medication](#)
- [Staff Administration Of Medication](#)

YRDSB LINKS:

- [What is De-Streaming](#)
- [York Region Public Health](#)
- [COVID-19 Mental Health](#)
- [Resources for Students and Families](#)

USEFUL LINKS:

- [YRDSB Website](#)
- [Thornlea Website](#)
- [Thornlea Calendar](#)
- [Thornlea Instagram](#)
- [18+ Consent Form](#)
- [York Region Public Health](#)

CLASSROOM CONNECTION

Students from Mrs. Ceausu's Grade 12 Hollywood vs. History course immersed themselves in a trip to Casa Loma focusing on Hollywood's usage of this location as a set for filming. Famous films such as Chicago, X-Men, The Vow and Crimson Peak used various locations of the Castle in their production. Students learned about the history of Casa Loma, the history of Canadian Film, and were given a guided tour of the various production sets used. Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and can't wait to engage in future trips in this new course!



Thornlea Alumni Return to Speak with Graduating Class

On Wednesday, February 22nd, twenty former Thornlea students paid a visit to their high school to discuss their experiences in university with current Grade 12 students. It was encouraging to hear the alumni credit Thornlea for preparing them for post-secondary school academics.

They also offered a lot of advice to our Grade 12s, notably to learn to manage their time and money, to try and make as many friends as possible, to access all the support services offered by their university, and to try to communicate with their professors.

Although they warned of some of the challenges posed by university life, such as stress, living independently, and the commute, the alumni reassured any nervous students that success is possible for those who work hard.





Thornlea Library Update



We are off to a busy and exciting start in the Thornlea library for Semester Two. We had an amazing time celebrating **Black History Month** with many inspiring initiatives and engaging events. We had an African drummer, Fanazoro, who performed for our French language students. A former Thornlea art student, and current student of OCAD U, Brandon Baghaee, shared his artwork and journey with several art classes, and Black Excellence speakers spoke to business classes about how to achieve their goals. We shined a spotlight on our large and growing collection of books by Black writers and encouraged students to suggest even more titles to add. As well, we hosted an Inspirational Black Voices contest where students were asked to view thought-provoking TED talks and share their thoughts.



We were pleased to be able to welcome back some Thornlea alumni for our **Annual Returning Grads Visit**. Twenty recent graduates took time during their busy Reading Week to sit on a panel and share what life in university is like and also offer tips and advice to over one hundred Grade 12 students about what to expect next year. The grads reinforced for our students how good time management skills ensure you will succeed and have time for it all: work, play, physical fitness, and mental health maintenance. It is always such a proud moment to hear how well our former students are doing.

Chess is taking off in the library! We've had so many people signing out chess boards and having so much fun that Thornlea's **Wellness Initiative Council** will be hosting our first ever Library Lunchtime Chess Tournament. We are looking forward to hosting this exciting event.

Social Media

Our @thornleareads Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube accounts are still going strong. Please follow us to stay up to date on all our contests and events.

Contests

Our annual bookmark contest will be starting soon as well as a Book Trailer assignment contest from our Communication Technology Classes.

We are so looking forward to having an amazing semester two!

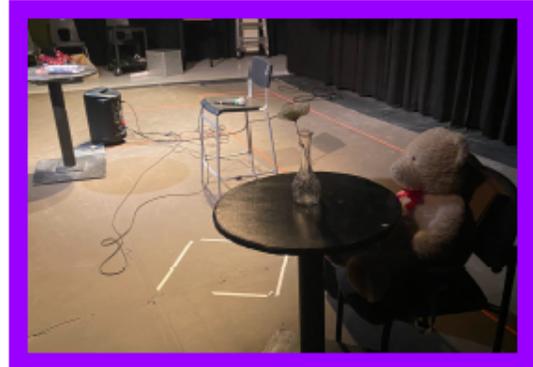


Poetry is Lit at Thornlea Secondary School

During this exciting year we are doing our best to keep poetry alive here at Thornlea!

Poetry is being taught in our English classes and this month our Grade 12 Writer's Craft class finished their Poetry Portfolio with a Poetry Cafe performance in Theatre 219.

Our **Poetry in Voice Team** was able to meet and practice poetry recitations to prepare for the Regional and the Senior Online National competitions.



We are proud to announce that our team won **Second Place** in the team regionals. Team members were (Sierra, Alyssa, and Luna who also competed in the Online Nationals).

Keep reading and writing poetry!

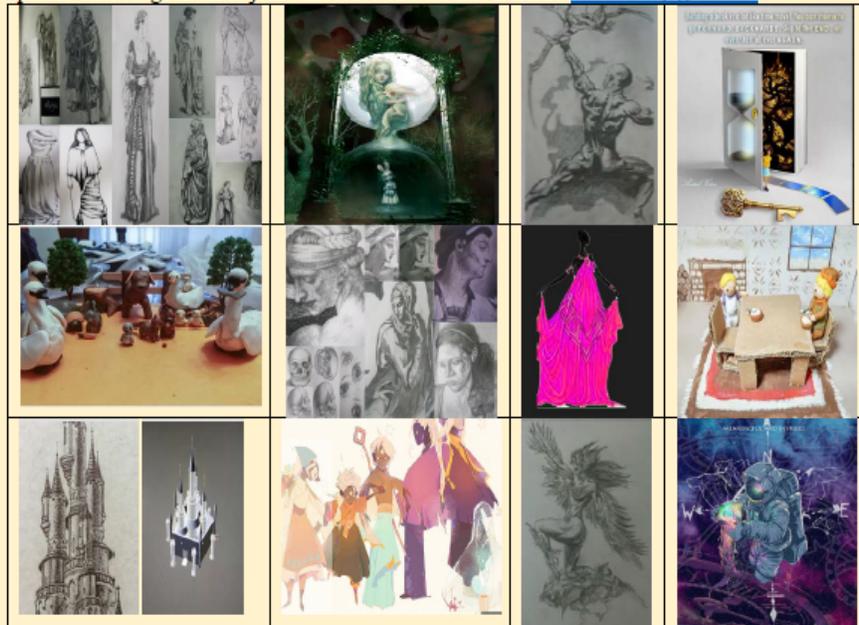


NEWS FROM ARTS, ANIMATION AND MEDIA DESIGN DEPARTMENT



Animation Portfolio Workshops for Grade 10-12 students

Dear Students and Parents/ Guardians,
 We are inviting you to join our Animation Portfolio workshops on **Tuesdays, during lunch (Room 223)**. We are providing high quality Animation Portfolio preparation for students wishing to attend top ranked animation schools. Students will attend the following workshops: **Life Drawing for Animation, Classical 2D and 3D Animation, Graphic Design and Animated Illustrations, Casting, Modelling and Morphing in Animation** and more. Our Advanced Placement Studio Animation Portfolios workshops are designed for students who are interested in the practical experience of Animation and Game Art Design. All SHSM-Arts and Culture students will get a credit in Experiential Learning/ Advanced Training in a Technique. Please join our Animation Portfolio workshops on **Tuesdays, during lunch (Room 223)**. If your child would like to upgrade their portfolios, please encourage them to join us. Please email Mme Bern at: ilana.bern@yrdsb.ca





NEWS FROM ARTS DEPARTMENT

SPRING ART SALES *Shop the One of a Kind Artwork from Thornlea Artists!*



Dear Thornlea Staff, Parents/ Guardians,
You are invited for a sneak peek!

Our students will be selling their beautiful Jewellery sets, Landscapes, Portraits, Still-Life paintings, Venetian Masks and more.

If you are planning to buy gifts for your families and friends, please come and see our great selection of beautiful items for your enjoyment. Don't miss out on the fun!

Our Grade 11-12 students are willing to draw or paint commissioned Portraits and Still-Life (please see samplings of their artwork). Artworks will be commissioned in a variety of sizes with a choice of background, and text may be drawn in. Just bring your photographs/ reference images, and our Artists in Residence will draw or paint your picture in any medium of your choice (pencil, charcoal, acrylic, pastels).

All money raised will be used to benefit our school's Arts program and for planning Arts events and festivals. Let's raise some money for our School to make our year better! Thank you for your support!

Mme Bern's AP Arts class and Arts Equity Council





safeTALK Suicide Prevention Course

Tuesday, April 4 – 5:30-9:00 pm – Thornlea SS Library

We are proud to offer this important safeTALK Suicide Prevention training free of charge to our parent/guardian community. safeTALK provides in-depth skills to recognize signs of suicide, engage someone, and ensure a connection to safety. This course is in-person for a 3-3.5 hour time period (including a break) and includes powerful audiovisuals and live practice. Refreshments will be provided. Please see this [safeTALK Info Sheet](#) for more information.

If you are interested in attending this training, please fill in this [Registration Form](#). Please register by **Friday, March 24**. We will follow up to confirm registration after that date.

If you have any questions, please contact Victoria.Johnson-Lee@yrdsb.ca.

Homestay

Host families are needed to offer homestay accommodation to international visa students. The experience of hosting can be a once in a lifetime experience for your family. Are you able to offer a caring home environment to a YRDSB international student? Remuneration (monthly stipend) is available to families to cover the cost of hosting. Hosting opportunities are available from two well-known organizations, approved by YRDSB. These organizations can support you every step of the way. Both [Canada Homestay Network](#) and MLI [Homestay](#) offer additional information online. These opportunities are available broadly to YRDSB staff, and members of school communities. information online. These opportunities are available broadly to YRDSB staff, and members of school communities.



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GUIDANCE NEWS

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[Thornlea Guidance Webpage](#)

[Grade 12 Guidance Google Classroom](#) contains all the latest news and information.

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PATHWAYS PROGRAMS 2023

www.yrdsb.ca/pathways

Dual Credits (July 4 - 28, 2023)

Summer Dual Credits program allows secondary students in grades 11 and 12 to explore the college pathway while taking courses in an area of interest. Students simultaneously earn two credits; one college credit and one secondary school elective credit. All costs are covered, including course tuition fee and college books. The colleges will be offering the dual credit programming in person through local GTA Colleges.

For more information on eligibility and courses visit:

<https://bit.ly/summerdcflyer>

Program Dates: July 4 - 28, 2023

Registration: <https://bit.ly/yrdsbsummerdc> open in late April 2023

Deadline: June 23, 2023, or until filled

Youth Innovation by Design (July 4 - 28, 2023)

The Youth Innovation by Design course (IDC4U or IDC4O) focuses on ways in which innovators identify problems, see them as opportunities, generate ideas, and organize resources to develop and take successful solutions forward into the world. Students will use a variety of design thinking techniques to develop and grow their ideas. They will consider the ethical and legal implications of decisions, as well as related financial literacy and sustainability models. Student learning will be supported by guest speakers and mentors provided through a collaboration with York University's YSpace-Markham and Innovation York. SHSM students can earn a variety of certificates and components towards their SHSM designation.

Program Dates: July 4 - 28, 2023, 8:30am - 3:30pm

Registration: Through My Pathway Planner in late April 2023

Location: YSpace Markham 169 Enterprise Blvd,
Markham, ON L6G 0E7

2 Credits Co-op (May 23 - July 28, 2023)

2 Credits Co-op is available to students in grades 10 – 12 interested in a work experience. Students will participate in remote/in-person learning (see schedule below) and in-person/virtual Co-op Placements in their community during the month of July. Pre-placement classes will take place Tuesday evenings from May 23 to June 7, 2023 between 5:00pm - 9:00pm. In-person classes will take place at Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning at 36 Regatta Avenue in Richmond Hill.

Students entering grade 12 who could not fit Co-op into their regular timetables will be given first consideration.

Program Dates:

In-person Pre-Placement: May 23 (5pm-9pm),
June 27 (5pm-9pm)

Virtual Pre-Placement: May 30 (5pm-9pm), June 6 (5pm-9pm),
June 13 (5pm-9pm), June 20 (5pm-9pm)

Placement: July 4 - July 28 (40 hours/week)

Integration Classes: TBD

Registration: <https://bit.ly/YRDSBSummerCo-op>

Opens on Friday March 3, 2023 at 9:00am

Deadline: Friday March 10, 2023 by 4:00pm



SHSM 2 Credits Co-op: Mackenzie Health/Cortellucci Hospital (May 17 - August 4, 2023)

The SHSM Summer Co-op Program is for SHSM students in Health & Wellness or Business (for select positions), interested in working at Mackenzie Health/Cortellucci Hospital. Students are eligible to earn two Cooperative Education credits while developing skills and gaining experience in the Health & Wellness or Business SHSM Sectors. Students will participate in remote/in-person learning (see schedule below) and gain work experience at either the Mackenzie Health or Cortellucci location during the month of July. Pre-placement classes will take place in-person and virtually beginning in May (see schedule below). In-person classes will take place at St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS at 230 Shaftsbury Avenue in Richmond Hill. All summer Co-op students are required to volunteer at the hospital for two weeks after the end of the Co-op term.

Due to limited enrollment, SHSM students entering grade 12 who could not fit Co-op into their regular timetables will be given first consideration. Applicants will be contacted for interviews. This program is in collaboration with YCDSB.

Program Dates:

In-person Pre-Placement: May 27 (9am-3pm), June 10 (9am-3pm)

Virtual Pre-Placement: May 17 (4-8pm), May 24 (4-8pm),
May 31 (4-8pm), June 7 (4-8pm)

Placement: July 4 - August 4 (8:30am - 5:00pm)

In person Integration Classes: Fri, July 14 (8:30-4:30),
Fri, August 4 (8:30-4:30)

Volunteer Days: August 7 - 18, 2023

Registration and Further Information:

<https://yrdsb.ca/HospitalSummerCo-op2023>

Opens on Friday March 3, 2023 at 9:00am

Deadline: Friday March 10, 2023 by 4:00pm

1 Credit Co-op (July 4 - 28, 2023)

1 Credit Co-op is available to students in grades 10 – 12 interested in a work experience. Students will participate in remote/in-person learning and in-person/virtual Co-op Placements in their community during the month of July. In person classes will take place at Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning at 36 Regatta Avenue in Richmond Hill.

Students entering grade 12 who could not fit Co-op into their regular timetables will be given first consideration.

Program Dates:

In person Pre-placement: July 4 - 6

Placement: July 7 - 28 (40 hours/week)

Integration Classes: to be determined

Registration: <https://bit.ly/YRDSBSummerCo-op>

Opens on Friday March 3, 2023 at 9:00am

Deadline: Friday March 10, 2023 by 4:00pm



NOTICE OF COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING WEST THORNHILL FLOOD CONTROL IMPLEMENTATION (Phase 4B)

Dear Resident,

I would like to invite you to a Community Information Meeting to discuss Phase 4B of the West Thornhill Flood Control Implementation Project as part of the construction planning process (see map).

The Phase 4B area includes:

- Kindale Way, Romfield Circuit, Stornoway Crescent, Baymark Road, Rothsay Road, Fleance Drive, Dunsinane Drive.

Date: Monday, March 20, 2023

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm – Presentation and Q&A

Location: Virtual (Link below)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://markham-ca.zoom.us/j/86442503582?pwd=SVhEUUhCUFZzZVZlQk5jd2Q4d21Bdz09>

Alternate Link:

<https://bit.ly/3J9fXAX>

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The meeting has been scheduled to provide the area residents with an update regarding:

- Proposed storm sewer, sanitary sewer and roadway construction in 2023 - 2024.
- Traffic control and access considerations
- Construction schedule
- Related Flood Control Program activities including the plumbing protection rebate program to help prevent sewer back-ups

Representatives of Markham staff and the consultant will be present at the meeting to answer questions and discuss next steps. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (416) 899-6293 or email PAhn@markham.ca.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

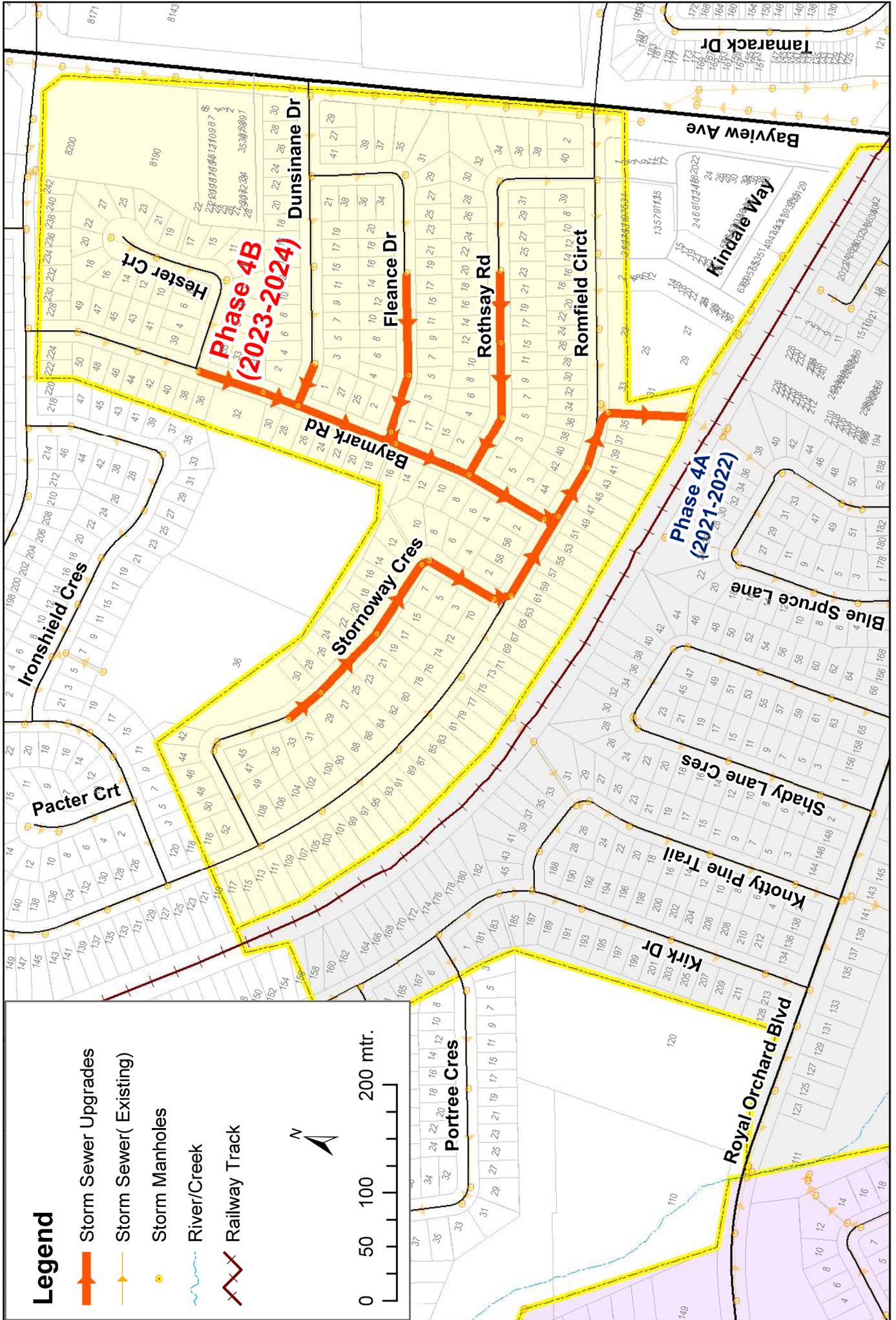
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Ahn', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Paul Ahn, P. Eng.
Manager, Infrastructure Capital Delivery
Environmental Services Department

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MARKHAM West Thornhill Flood Control Implementation – Phase 4B Construction



Legend

-  Storm Sewer Upgrades
-  Storm Sewer(Existing)
-  Storm Manholes
-  River/Creek
-  Railway Track

