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The Regional Municipality of York and Ontario Nurses' Association reach deal on new collective agreement

NEWMARKET – The Regional Municipality of York and the Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA) have reached a collective agreement on a new 39-month contract following three days of conciliated negotiations.

The contract was approved today by York Regional Council, and ratified earlier by ONA.

The term of the contract is from January 1, 2006 to March 31st, 2009.

Local 16 of the ONA represent approximately 200 public health nurses employed by the Regional Municipality of York.

"The new contract is in line with other municipal public health units and ensures stability with our valued public health nurses for the next three years," said York Regional Chair and CEO Bill Fisch. "The contract provides for responsible increases while ensuring attraction and retention strategies are maintained."

"I am extremely pleased we have been able to reach an agreement with ONA that balances the mutual needs of our employees with the interests of the taxpayers of York Region," said York Region Chief Administrative Officer Michael Garrett.

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