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The Regional Municipality of York authorizes land purchase for new York Regional Police facility

Building will house York Regional Police Investigative and Support Services

NEWMARKET – York Regional Council today approved the purchase of an eight-acre parcel of land in the Town of Aurora to construct a new York Regional Police Investigative and Support Services facility.

The land, purchased from the Town of Aurora and Hallgrove Estates Inc., is located off the south-east corner of Leslie Street and Wellington Street in the Town of Aurora, adjacent to a soon-to-be built business park.

It will allow York Regional Police to consolidate several units and services – currently spread across four leased locations – under one roof.

“Today’s decision by York Regional Council will further enhance our commitment to ensuring safe and liveable communities across York Region,” said York Regional Chair and CEO Bill Fisch. “It is vitally important that our York Regional Police Service has the necessary facilities and infrastructure to meet both existing and future Regional growth needs.”

“I am extremely pleased that we can proceed with the next steps to build a new police facility in Aurora,” said Police Services Board Chair and Town of Richmond Hill Regional Councillor David Barrow. “Our leased properties are no longer meeting current needs. The new facility will ensure that York Region residents and businesses continue receive quality police services.”

“This is a win-win situation,” added Town of Aurora Mayor Tim Jones. “The new York Regional Police facility stemming from this land sale will increase community policing, provide an added boost to Aurora’s local economy and lend prestige to Aurora’s business development area.”

“I am delighted with today’s developments,” said York Regional Police Chief Armand La Barge. “The officers and staff serving in York Regional Police Investigative and Support Services need a new home. The new facility will help strengthen our service to the public and enhance police operations throughout York Region.”

Construction of the building is expected to commence early 2007 and is expected to house more than 400 police officers and support staff when it is completed in 2009.

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