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### YORK REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES 2008 CAPITAL BUDGET

York Regional Council has approved the York Regional Police 2008 capital budget, giving our organization the funding necessary to maintain and enhance its community-based crime prevention and law enforcement services as the region continues to grow.

The 2008 capital budget is \$15,024,000.

Of the total budget approved, \$5.6 million will be used to start construction of the new facility in Aurora that will house Investigative and Support Services, scheduled for completion in 2010.

Another \$4,273,000 will go to the purchase of 24 additional police vehicles and 116 replacement vehicles in 2008.

The balance of the capital budget is earmarked for new information technology infrastructure and hardware replacement, as well as renovations to existing police facilities. Funding has also been set aside for specialized equipment for additional staff, both new officers and civilians, expected to start with York Regional Police in 2008.

“My thanks to Regional Council and our Police Services Board for their strong leadership and their continued support for safer communities as the region grows,” said Chief Armand La Barge.

Police Services Board Chairman Danny Wheeler thanked board members for their hard work and commitment in sustaining the long-term capital plan approved by Regional Council.

“We remain among the safest communities in Canada and that is a result of the dedication of York Regional Police, Police Services Board members and Regional Council,” said Chairman Wheeler.

The 2008 police operating budget will be reviewed by the Region’s Finance and Administration Committee in February, with Regional Council approval expected by early spring.

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