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## York Region to officially open York Region Transit/Viva building at the Community Safety Village

*Visiting Grade 3 students to explore building for the first time*

**NEWMARKET** – The Regional Municipality of York is officially opening a York Region Transit (YRT)\Viva building at the Community Safety Village of York Region on Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. An official ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place during the grand opening, followed by children in Grade 3 from St. Anne's Catholic School in the Town of Richmond Hill invited to explore the YRT\Viva building for the first time.

Inside the new building, YRT staff have developed an interactive learning experience for children to help educate and encourage the safe use of transit. Activities include a 90-second animated music video created by Niagara College students, a miniature transit bus and three puzzle tables.

**When:** Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**Where:** Community Safety Village of York Region, Bruce's Mill Conservation Area  
3291 Stouffville Sideroad, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

### Attending:

- Bill Fisch, York Region Chairman and CEO
- Mayor Wayne Emmerson, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
- Regional Councillor Brenda Hogg, Town of Richmond Hill
- Deputy Chief Eric Jolliffe, York Regional Police
- Bruce Macgregor, York Region CAO
- Jenny Chae, Student Transit Ambassador, Richmond Green Secondary School, Richmond Hill
- Grade 3 students from St. Anne's Catholic School, Town of Richmond Hill



### Background:

- York Region operates two public transit services: the conventional YRT service and Viva Rapid Transit, as well as the door-to-door Mobility Plus service for individuals with disabilities
- The Community Safety Village of York Region is an outdoor miniature village containing paved roads and sidewalks, operating traffic lights, working railway crossing signals and lights, a live hydro substation, 9-1-1 phone simulator, stationary school bus, playground and 30 small buildings
- The village attracts approximately 25,000 school children per year
- Visitors can also explore a miniature police station, fire hall, ambulance station, bus terminal, school and church for additional learning

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