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The Regional Municipality of York introduces new technology to line-painting for Regional road network

Investment to improve quality of work on roadways and save money

NEWMARKET – Residents travelling along Regional roadways in the Town of Markham may already have seen the latest addition to York Region's fleet of vehicles: a brand new, state-of-the-art 2007 Mack Paint Striper truck.

York Region has relied primarily on private companies to provide line-painting services for Regional roads, often with varying results. The shift to bringing line-painting internally will ensure an increased level of quality and consistency, as well as an annual cost savings of approximately \$72,000 per year.

The line-painting truck crew includes three staff, including a driver, paint machine operator and driver of a follow-up truck (that drives behind to allow the paint to dry and act as a buffer between the line-painting truck and traffic).



The line-painting truck is low-emission and runs on biodiesel fuel. It is capable of applying lines in white or yellow, in a solid pattern, broken pattern or combination of the two. Additional features of the paint truck include:

- Computerized controls located within a control centre at the back of the truck
- One 800-gallon paint tanks and one 1,000-kilogram glass bead tank for reflective glass beads
- Nine paint guns
- A production monitoring system to produce production data, application quantities with mapping using GPS
- A mounted message board located at the rear of the truck to program driver information messages for motorists
- A camera guidance system

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