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YRT/Viva crowns Bus Roadeo Champion

Roadeo champion will represent York Region in the 2010 APTA Bus Roadeo

NEWMARKET – The Regional Municipality of York held the 2nd Annual York Region Transit (YRT)/Viva Bus Roadeo yesterday, highlighting the skills of our highly-trained bus operators. Placing first in a series of skills competitions is Teresa Giasson from contracted Viva operator Veolia Transportation Inc. As Bus Roadeo Champion, Teresa will move on to represent York Region at the 2010 American Public Transit Association (APTA) Bus Roadeo in Cleveland, Ohio.

Three additional operators earned honours for their performance at the Bus Roadeo:

- 2nd Place - Frank Meir from Tokmakjian Inc.
- 3rd Place - Alan Jones from Veolia Transportation
- 4th Place - Joyce Billingham from First Canada ULC

YRT/Viva operators are trained professionals who bring safe, friendly and reliable transit service to York Region streets and communities. The annual Bus Roadeo provides a fun, interactive opportunity for operators to showcase their abilities and receive recognition for their hard work.

YRT/Viva service is provided by 700 operators employed by four York Region contracted service providers:

- Tokmakjian Inc.
- Miller Transit Ltd.
- First Student ULS
- Veolia Transportation Inc.

YRT/Viva's bus fleet is large and growing, including over 420 YRT, Viva and Mobility Plus vehicles. More than 120 YRT/Viva routes keep residents connected within York Region, as well as with connecting services in the City of Toronto and the Region of Peel. More than 19 million riders used YRT/Viva services in 2008, with an average of 90,000 boardings made each weekday.

For more information about YRT/Viva, please visit the YRT/Viva website at www.yrt.ca or call the Customer Service Centre at 1-866-MOVE-YRT (668-3978).



From left to right: YRT General Manager Don Gordon, Joyce Billingham, Alan Jones, Frank Meir and Teresa Giasson

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