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York Regional Council approves \$1.44 billion 2010 Operating Plan

NEWMARKET – York Regional Council today approved a \$1.44 billion operating plan as part of the 2010 Business Plan and Budget.

Highlights of the operating plan include:

\$223 million for York Regional Police, including:

- Adding 31 additional police officers and 11 civilian staff

\$171 million for Transportation Services, including:

- Maintaining more than 3,500 lane kilometres and 785 traffic signals
- Providing more than 1 million transit service hours through a fleet of approximately 343 conventional buses, 75 mobility vehicles and 107 Viva rapid transit vehicles

\$128 million for Community and Health Services, including:

- Providing financial assistance to an average 5,810 individuals and families
- Operating more than 6,000 Social Housing units
- Subsidizing child care spaces for 3,191 children
- Operating 232 Long Term Care beds
- Providing funding for 45 community-based projects through the Community Development Investment Fund
- Contributing \$1 million to the Social Housing Repair Reserve

\$40 million for GTA Pooling

- money collected by the Province of Ontario from York Region to help pay for Social Assistance and Social Housing programs in the City of Toronto

\$39 million for Solid Waste Management, including:

- Contributing \$1 million to reserves for future infrastructure requirements
- Managing over 352,000 tonnes of solid waste in 2010 with a goal of diverting 65 per cent of solid waste tonnage from landfill (representing more than 227,000 tonnes)

\$23 million for Capital Asset Replacement:

- To provide for future infrastructure requirements

\$12 million for debt reduction

- To reduce reliance on debt financing

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