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YORK REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES 2010 POLICE BUDGET

York Regional Council today approved the 2010 police operating and capital budgets, giving York Regional Police the tools it needs to maintain its community-based crime prevention and law enforcement services as York Region continues to grow.

For 2010, the net operating budget is \$222.7 million. The capital budget is \$27.2 million.

In keeping with York Region's population growth, 31 officers and 11 civilians will be added to the service in 2010, with all 31 officers going to frontline patrol duties.

"We are looking forward to the addition of these new members as York Regional Police continues to respond to issues the community has identified as priorities, such as violent crime and aggressive driving," said Chief Armand La Barge. "I would like to thank members of Regional Council and the Police Services Board for their continued investment in the security of York Region and their continued confidence in York Regional Police."

Eight new officers will be assigned to each of the three south-end Districts serving Markham, Stouffville, Richmond Hill, Thornhill, Vaughan and the southern end of King Township. Four officers will be assigned to #1 District, serving residents in Newmarket, Aurora, East Gwillimbury and northern King Township. Three officers will be assigned to #3 District serving Georgina.

Danny Wheeler, Chairman of The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board, thanked board members for their hard work in ensuring budget increases were understood and approved by Regional Council. "We are proud to be one of the safest communities in Canada and these new officers will ensure we are keeping pace with the region's growth."

Once again, the operating budget will benefit from funding from three government grant programs - the federal Police Recruitment Fund, the provincial Safer Communities 1,000 Officer Partnership Program and the provincial Community Police Partnership. In 2010, York Regional Police will receive an estimated \$6.6 million in funding from these grants, which will help subsidize the salaries of a total 189 existing officers.

The capital budget will fund the completion of the new Investigative and Support Services facility in Aurora; the annual purchase of additional and replacement vehicles; Information Technology maintenance and upgrades and the purchase of specialized policing and communication equipment.

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