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## York Region Emergency Medical Services facility is *Best in Class*

*York's commitment to energy management recognized by Association of Municipalities of Ontario*

**NEWMARKET** – The Regional Municipality of York has received a *Best in Class* Award from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for excellence in the Municipal Energy Performance Benchmarking Project - Emergency Medical Services (EMS) facility category.

The award was presented by Local Authority Services (LAS) Ltd., a subsidiary company of AMO, and recognizes the integrated energy management initiatives at the York Region EMS Mount Albert Station in the Town of East Gwillimbury.

“York Region is a leader in efficient energy management,” said York Region Chairman and CEO Bill Fisch. “This award demonstrates our commitment to developing, smart, sustainable facilities in our communities.”

Energy features of this EMS facility include high efficiency lighting and air conditioning equipment, a condensing water heater and vigilant monitoring and maintenance by staff dedicated to energy management.

“There is significant research that indicates a correlation between the physical environment and our health,” said Town of Markham Deputy Mayor Jack Heath, Chair of the Region’s Community and Health Services Committee. “Continuing to find new ways to reduce our carbon footprint and CO2 emissions are important for improving the overall health of our communities.”

The Municipal Energy Performance Benchmarking Project identifies the top performing facility in 12 municipal building categories.

“Data from more than 393 municipal facilities across Ontario was compiled and analyzed in 2009,” said Local Authority Services Ltd., Energy Services Coordinator Scott Vokey. “The 12 *Best in Class* case studies will soon be circulated to all 140 municipalities across the province to assist them in actionable energy management opportunities.”

For more information on Local Authority Services Ltd. and the Municipal Energy Performance Benchmarking Project, visit [www.las.on.ca](http://www.las.on.ca)

For more information on The Regional Municipality of York, please visit [www.york.ca](http://www.york.ca)



The Best in Class award was presented by Scott Vokey, Energy Services Coordinator, Local Authority Services Ltd. to members of the York Region Community and Health Services Committee on April 15, 2010. In picture from left to right: York Region CAO Bruce Macgregor, Town of Richmond Hill Regional Councillor Brenda Hogg, Town of Richmond Hill Regional Councillor Vito Spatafora, City of Vaughan Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio, York Region Commissioner of Corporate Services Jim Davidson, Town of Markham Deputy Mayor and Chair of the Region’s Community and Health Services Committee Jack Heath, Town of Newmarket Regional Councillor John Taylor, Local Authority Services Ltd., Energy Services Coordinator Scott Vokey, Town of Markham Regional Councillor Joseph Virgilio, York Region Chairman and CEO Bill Fisch, York Region Commissioner of Community and Health Services Adelina Urbanski and Town of Newmarket Mayor and Regional Councillor Tony (A.J.) Van Bynen.

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