



# MEDIA RELEASE



Sunday, October 23, 2011 – Issued 8:30 p.m.

## Plan ahead for YRT/Viva service disruption Monday

Labour strike impacting YRT/Viva service remains on for Monday morning

**NEWMARKET** – The Regional Municipality of York has been advised that ATU Local 1587 representing Miller Transit and First Canada, and ATU Local 113 representing York BRT services have not reached agreements and will withdraw service at 12:01 a.m. Monday, October 24, 2011 impacting the following routes:

### Southeast Division (Miller Transit)

- 51 YRT routes in the Towns of Markham, Richmond Hill and Whitchurch-Stouffville, with some routes in the City of Vaughan

### North Division (First Canada)

- 29 YRT routes in the Towns of Newmarket and Aurora with some routes in the Towns of Richmond Hill, East Gwillimbury and Georgina

### Viva Division (York BRT Services)

- Five Viva routes operating in the Towns of Markham, Richmond Hill, Aurora, Newmarket and the City of Vaughan

YRT/Viva staff will be available at terminals Monday morning to assist customers and provide trip planning guidance. YRT/Viva will outline alternate modes of transportation and extend Customer Service Centre hours at **1-866-MOVE-YRT (668-3978)**. Updates will be available on [www.yrt.ca](http://www.yrt.ca) and [www.york.ca](http://www.york.ca). Residents can also follow York Region on Twitter [@YorkRegionGovt](https://twitter.com/YorkRegionGovt) and Facebook [facebook.com/YorkRegion](https://facebook.com/YorkRegion)

Customers are encouraged to make alternate travel arrangements such as:

- Car pooling – Smart Commute offers a carpool matching service at [www.carpoolzone.ca](http://www.carpoolzone.ca)
- Use of alternate available YRT/Viva routes
- Use of north/south TTC routes in York Region
- Use of available GO Trains and Brampton Transit Züm services

**Attachment: Media Backgrounder – YRT/Viva routes affected by labour strike**

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