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YORK REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES 2012 POLICE BUDGET

York Regional Council today approved the 2012 police operating and capital budgets, giving York Regional Police the tools it needs to maintain its community-based crime prevention and law enforcement programs as the region continues to grow.

For 2012, the net operating budget is \$254.7 million. The capital budget is \$17.9 million. The service will be adding 34 officers and 12 civilians in 2012.

In an effort to better serve the community, officers will be assigned to the Integrated Domestic Violence Unit (IDVU). The IDVU is a newly created unit consisting of officers who have specialized training in domestic relationships. These relationships include married, common law, dating, estranged or separated couples and same sex partners.

In addition to the expansion of the IDVU, officers will be added to areas in Support Services, Investigative Services and Executive Services.

The deployment of additional officers to specialty units within York Regional Police is the result of ongoing consultation with our community stakeholders and internal program reviews. These officers will help York Regional Police address important community priorities.

“York Regional Police continues to respond to issues our community has identified as priorities, such as domestic violence, crime prevention and traffic safety,” said Chief Eric Jolliffe. “We appreciate the support from members of Regional Council and the Police Services Board as we continue to build an organization that is vision-inspired, mission-focused and values-driven.”

Newly-elected Chairman of the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board Frank Scarpitti thanked board members for their diligent work in bringing the 2012 budget to Regional Council. “York Region is one of the safest communities in Canada and that is due in large part to the ongoing support of Regional Council. We continue to be dedicated to the safety and security of our citizens.”

The operating budget continues to 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 2012, 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 outfitting of the third floor of the Central Services Building, a helicopter retrofit, 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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