

Richmond Hill Review of Proposed YRT Service Cuts



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Subject: YRT Proposed Service Rationalization Backgrounder - memo from Kees dated Feb. 5, 2004

Hi Dave,

I've reviewed the service reductions proposed for selected services in York as they impact Richmond Hill and have the following comments:

- Route 4/4A (Major Mac. service). Increasing weekend headway from 30 min to 40 min. - Should be ok
- Route 80 (Mill Pond). Currently only AM and PM peak period service. Deleting last AM trip appears ok. But, deleting last bus out of Bernard to meet the last GO train that arrives at 8:21 PM should be maintain. We need to maintain a certain level of GO train connection to service the community.
- Route 81 (Beverly Acres). Again, deleting the last bus out of Bernard that meet the last GO Train that arrives at 8:21 PM (Mon. to Fri.) should be maintain. This is the only way YRT will build-up their customer base.
- Route 82 (Newkirk). Deleting last GO Train meet out of Bernard. Nobody on the bus when survey was done. This service goes along Newkirk Road and connect with the last RH Go Train. Given the restructuring in May 2004, I don't believe this service should be reduced.
- Route 83 (Trench). Increase headway for last two evening runs for Saturday service. This is ok.
- Route 84 (Oak Ridges). No service change.
- Route 85 - midday (16th - Rutherford). Proposing to increase the headway from 30 to 40 minutes on Saturdays. Should be ok.
- Route 85A - (Beaver Creek Service). We need to maintain a certain level of service to our business park. I don't agree to delete these two late services. Magna is expanding their operation in the park and there is new development coming on line.
- Route 86A/B (Weldrick via Redstone). Should be ok.
- Route 87 (Langstaff Local). No service change.
- Route 88 (Bathurst - Seneca to Finch). No service change.
- Route 89 (R.H. Community Bus). No service change.
- Route 90 (Leslie). Last two evening buses to be deleted. Should be ok.
- Route 91 (Bayview). No service change.

I spoke to YRT about these proposals and they advise that the cuts will not be returned when the overall service is restructured in May 2004 (see YRT Annual Service Plan 2004). Since YRT is so young, it needs the service to get people on the buses. If we start cutting transit service, the Region is only going to frustrate existing and potential patrons and the downward spiral will have started. I would suggest that it's better to delay hiring a portion of the new Regional staff (I'm not talking about police here) and maintain the YRT service. Alternatively, there has to be other ways to save money (2004 budget) and maintain the current level of service, at least until the May 2004 restructuring has been implemented and surveys have been conducted.