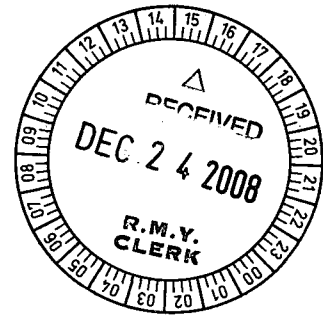


TOWN OF GEORGINA

26557 Civic Centre Rd., R.R. #2, Keswick, Ontario L4P 3G1



December 19, 2008

Regional Municipality of York,
Regional Clerk's Office,
17250 Yonge Street,
NEWMARKET, Ontario
L3Y 6Z1

Attn: Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Re: Town Report No. EPW-2008-0049
York Region Transit, 2009 Service Plan

**REGION OF YORK
CLERK'S OFFICE**

FILE No. - P34

Please be advised that Town Council at a meeting held on December 8, 2008, considered the above-noted report and passed the following motion concerning the 2009 York Region Transit/Viva Service Plan as it affects Georgina;

1. THAT REPORT NO. EPW-2008-0049 BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.
2. THAT THE TOWN OF GEORGINA SUPPORTS THE 2009 YORK REGION TRANSIT/VIVA SERVICE PLAN AS IT AFFECTS THE TOWN OF GEORGINA. IN PARTICULAR COUNCIL SUPPORTS:
 - i) THE PROPOSED SHUTTLE SERVICE BETWEEN THE PROPOSED METRUS COMMUTER PARKING LOT AND THE EAST GWILLIMBURY GO TRAIN STATION.
 - ii) CONSIDERATION BY YORK REGION TRANSIT TO TAKE OVER THE SUTTON GO TRANSIT BUS SERVICE IN 2010.
 - iii) CONTINUATION OF THE GO TRANSIT BUS FARE SUBSIDY.
 - vi) THE PROPOSED THREE ADDITIONAL WEEKDAY ROUND TRIPS AND SIX ADDITIONAL SATURDAY ROUND TRIPS ON GO BUS ROUTE 69.

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Accordingly, I have enclosed a photocopy of Report No. EPW-2008-0049 for your review and information.

Sincerely,
FOR THE TOWN OF GEORGINA,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Lance". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Carolyn Lance
Administrative Assistant to the Town Clerk

cc: Bob Magloughlen, Director of Engineering and Public Works

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GEORGINA

**REPORT NO. EPW-2008-0049
FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF
COUNCIL
DECEMBER 8, 2008**

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**SUBJECT: YORK REGION TRANSIT
2009 SERVICE PLAN**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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REPORT:

Council passed a motion at its meeting of November 10th to refer the 2009 YRT/VIVA Service Plan to staff for a report. Each year the Region undertakes a review to identify changes required to service transit users. This review considers new services, altering existing services or removing services where ridership is low and shows no signs of increasing.

The following are the transit services directly affecting the Town of Georgina:

1. Route 51 – Keswick Local

This is a local bus service provided totally within the community of Keswick. As shown on the attached pages, 105 and 106 of the Service Plan, the route was altered in 2008 to provide service as far north as Ferncroft Drive. In May of this year Route 51 also began servicing the Keswick Garden Seniors Building and no further changes are proposed to this route in 2009.

2. Fare Subsidy

The Region provides a subsidy to GO Transit in the amount of \$0.50 per rider using the Sutton GO bus line so that Georgina bus riders pay the same fare as if the route was operated by the YRT. This will continue in 2009.

3. Route 69 – Sutton GO Bus Service

As set out in pages 121 and 122, attached, the 2009 Service Plan states that consideration will be given by YRT to take over the Sutton GO bus route in 2010 when GO Transit introduces a 404 Express Service. This will give the YRT a highly visible presence through Georgina from Keswick to Port Bolster.

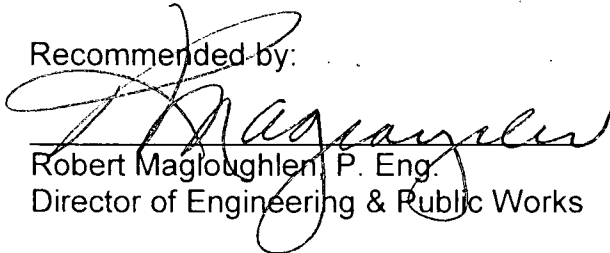
4. GO Train Shuttle from Keswick

Council passed a resolution at its meeting of October 22, 2007 requesting that YRT being a shuttle service in 2009 from the proposed Metrus commuter parking lot to the East Gwillimbury GO Train Station. YRT was in fact prepared to begin this service in 2008 however the parking lot is just under construction at this time. Although the 2009 Service Plan does not mention the shuttle as a new service in 2009, York Region Transit staff have assured that service will begin upon the expected completion of the parking lot in February 2009.

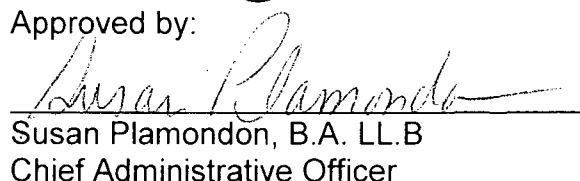
SUMMARY:

York Region Transit plans to increase service and its visibility within Georgina over the next few years. We are pleased to say that the YRT has agreed to each request made by the Town. The 2009 Service Plan continues that excellent working relationship and therefore it is recommended that Council endorse the 2009 Plan.

Recommended by:


Robert Magloughlen, P. Eng.
Director of Engineering & Public Works

Approved by:


Susan Plamondon, B.A. LL.B.
Chief Administrative Officer

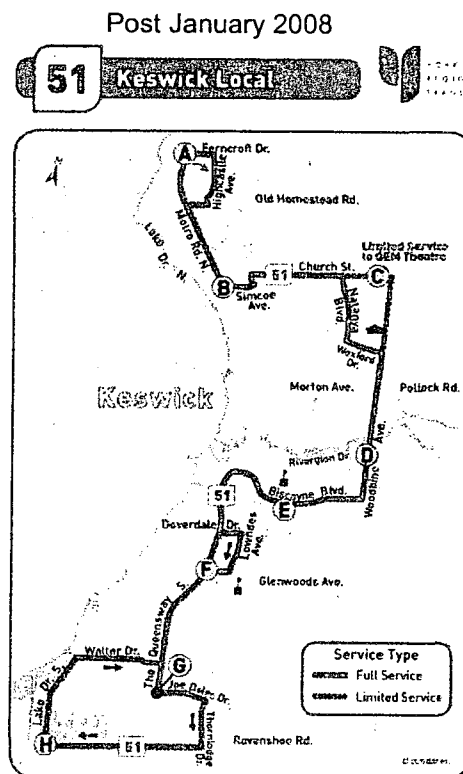
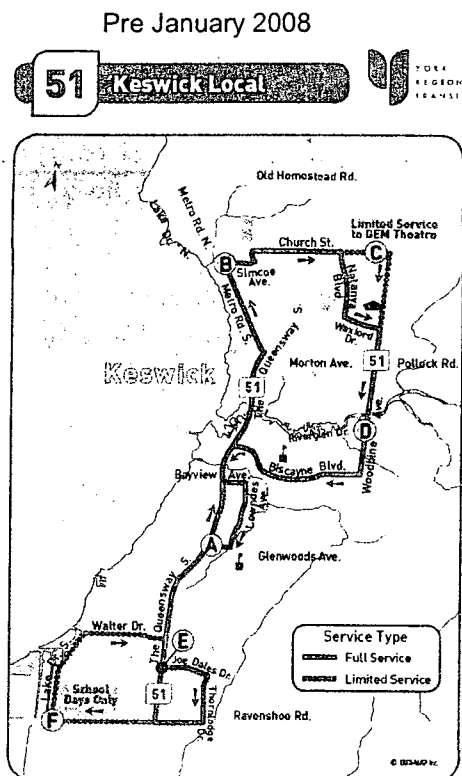
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Route: 51 Keswick Local

Type: Local

Description: A local Keswick route operating mainly on The Queensway South between Ravenshoe Road and Church Street.

Current Routing:



OPERATING HOURS AND FREQUENCY:

AM Peak	Midday	PM Peak	Evening	Saturday	Sunday/Holiday
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
25-40 min	60 min	25-40 min	60 min	60 min	N/A

Major Trip Generators: Glenwoods Plaza, Keswick H.S., Our Lady of the Lake C.H.S., Georgina Library, GEM Movie Theatre, Ice Palace.

Boardings (2007):

Annual	45,631
Avg Weekday	200
Rev/Cost (%)	18.4
Boardings/Hr	9.4

Service Requests:

- Introduce Sunday Service
- The Keswick Business Park Secondary Plan has identified the lands east of Woodbine Ave between Riverglen Drive to the north and Ravenshoe Road to the south as employment lands. This is a 642 acre parcel of land and will employ when fully built out an estimate 7500 to 9000 jobs. This area will likely get approval by mid 2009. Transit service will need to be designed to accommodate this area
- A shuttle service from a Commuter Parking Lot (Glenwoods Ave & Woodbine Ave) to the East Gwillimbury GO Station has been included as a condition of the TDM Plans for the Metrus Developments and as a request from the Town of Georgina.

Discussion/Issues:

- Sunday service not warranted at this time but will be reviewed at as part of the 2009 budget cycle
- It is anticipated that the Keswick Business Park Secondary Plan will be adopted in the Town of Georgina. At that time consideration will need to be given on increasing the Sutton GO Bus Service and restructuring this route or introducing a new route to service this employment area
- The need for a base route to operate on along the Woodbine Ave corridor connecting to Newmarket (Green Lane & Yonge St or Woodbine Ave & Yonge St) will be reviewed in conjunction with GO Transit's plans for a Hwy 404 Express service.

Recommendation:

- N/A

Estimated Additional Costs:

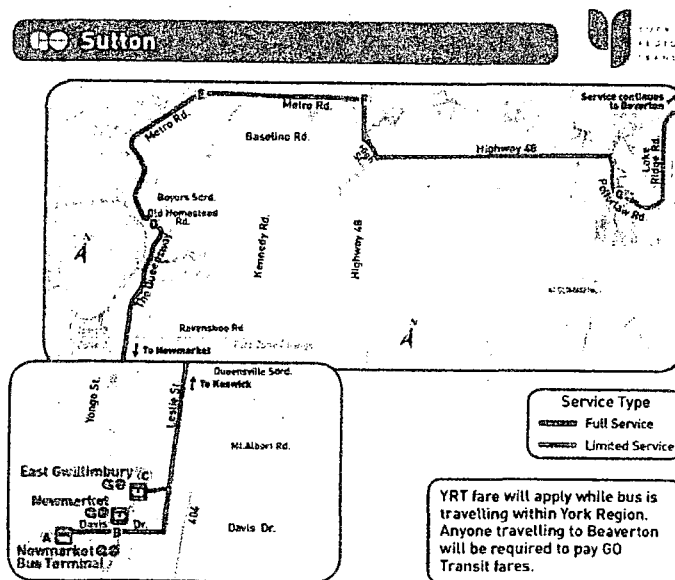
- N/A

Route: 69 Sutton GO Bus

Type: Base

Description: Provides local service to the Town of Georgina as well as a direct connection to the southern YRT/Viva services in Newmarket.

Current Routing:



OPERATING HOURS AND FREQUENCY:

AM Peak	Midday	PM Peak	Evening	Saturday	Sunday/Holiday
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15 - 20 min	30 min	15 - 20 min	30 - 40 min	30 min	60 min

Major Trip Generators: East Gwillimbury GO Train Station, Newmarket GO Train Station, Newmarket GO Bus Terminal

Boardings (2007):

Annual	10,541
Avg. Weekday	137
Rev./Cost (%)	34.8
Boardings/Hr	3.4

Service Requests:

- Restructuring of arrival times to the Newmarket Bus Terminal to allow for better connections

- Adjusting times to arrive 15 minutes before the hour to allow employees at the Mall to utilize the service to get to work on time

Discussion/Issues:

- GO Transit possible train service improvements
- In 2010 YRT will be considering taking responsibility of this route at such a time when GO Transit introduces a 404 Express service.

Recommendations:

- January 2009, additional trips will be added to schedules

Estimated Additional Costs:

- \$151,803, for 3 additional weekday round trips annual gross costing
- \$62,400, for 6 additional Saturday round trips annual gross costing