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☐ Urgent ☐ For Review ☐ Please Comment ☐ Please Reply ☐ Via Fax Only

Comments:

This item is from the East Gwillimbury Youth Advisory Committee.

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January 7, 2003

Dear York Region Transit Committee,

Re: In response to your letter of December 16/03 - T08/Public Transit/O'Brien – Request for Service to Mount Albert

On behalf of the Youth Advisory committee we thank you for responding to our letter (above) regarding York Region Transit (YRT) to Mount Albert.

At this time we would like to re-emphasize this matter and see that this request is seriously considered for 2004's budgeting plan.

In the previous letter we stated many factors of how much the YRT is needed to solve many problems in the town of Mount Albert. The problems we stated in our previous letter are still a factor and we really would like to push for the YRT to come further into East Gwillimbury.

We have discussed your alternative for having a standard route, like you stated in your letter. Mount Albert's population is not 15,000 which is required for the use of the YRT, therefore we think Mount Albert would be better off using the "responsive type service" (instead of having a standard route which may not be filled up each time) as a successful plan. The responsive type service has successfully worked in many other communities such as Georgina and we would like to see this option considered in the lower populated areas of East Gwillimbury, all taxpayers should have the same opportunities regardless of where you live.

In the previous letter we sent we specified with regards to Mount Albert and we would like to know the plans of YRT to the Queensville area as well. The town of Queensville is in as much demand for the YRT as Mount Albert is.

We have included in this letter a copy of our previous letter and we look forward to another response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cassie O'Brien". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Above the signature, the word "Sincerely," is printed. Below the signature, the name "Cassie O'Brien" and her title "Youth Advisory Committee Member" are printed.

Cassie O'Brien
Youth Advisory Committee Member

Cc: Mr. Donald F. Gordon – General Manager, York Region Transit

Attachment
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Dear: Whom ever this may concern,

York Region Transit is relatively new to Northern parts of York Region, recently YRT expanded services into Holland Landing with much success. As a youth advisor committee members we have great concerns with the lack of activities in Mount Albert, YRT would is definitely needed to assist our youth in participation of extracurricular activities in school (which are all attended in Newmarket).

To many this is a luxury, however in Mount Albert this is much needed, please consider a more timely effective date, I know personally that the time my parents spend in driving back and forth to school so I can participate in clubs will certainly take its toll- perhaps even as much as me and many others not having this opportunity to participate in school activities.

Mount Albert is a growing community a town that has very little to offer the youth. The vandalism recently is a simple reason why our town needs the YRT so much. The teenagers have no way of getting out of Mount Albert and going to the movies, or the mall and instead find themselves in trouble with the law. What kind of Council or community services wants this generation of kids to have problems with the law at such a young age? Due to these problems more police have been assigned to our town and still many people feel it is not safe. People should never feel uncomfortable in their own homes no matter where their living, especially in a small community like this.

Along with the youth the seniors also would benefit from the YRT. The seniors who are no longer able to drive are stuck in town not being able to do much, our community has many seniors in it- they would be so appreciative of this opportunity to see other areas. Mount Albert seniors still have the heart and willingness to go places and spend their last years living active and happy and meeting new people and being involved in seniors programs are run in Newmarket.

I hope with help from all of us we can make this happen and have the YRT available to residence in Mount Albert.

Sincerely,

Cassie O'Brien