

MEMORANDUM

TO: York Region Community Services and Housing
Committee Members

FROM: Joann Simmons, Commissioner

DATE: June 2, 2004

SUBJECT: **Review of Provincial 2004-05 Budget**

As you know, the Province presented its 2004-05 Budgets in the Ontario Legislature on May 18, 2004.

The Budget proposes a number of initiatives that may have financial, administrative, and service implications for Community Services and Housing programs and low income working residents, many of whom are our clients. A summary of both the relevant budget announcements and their possible impacts are attached as a communication to the Community Services and Housing Committee members for their information.

I want to stress that these are preliminary assessments to highlight some of the upcoming pressures facing the department, particularly as we move forward on our 2005 Business Plan and Budget process. More analysis will be required once full details are provided by the Province on the implementation of specific initiatives.

Joann Simmons
Commissioner
Community Services and Housing Department

Attachment: Provincial Budget Summary