



Community and Health Services
Office of the Commissioner

MEMORANDUM

TO: Community Services and Housing Committee Members

FROM: Joann Simmons, Commissioner of Community and Health Services

DATE: November 12, 2008

RE: Release of "Just The Facts About Your Community" Census 2006

In November 2007, York Region's Community Social Data Strategy Consortium which is co-chaired by Mayor Tony Van Bynen, Town of Newmarket, and Daniele Zanotti, CEO, United Way of York Region, produced its first set of "*Just the Facts about Your Community*" fact sheets using the Census 2001 and 2006 data to provide profiles of youth, seniors, families and the low income population.

I am pleased to inform you about the release of our second series of "*Just the Facts about Your Community*" fact sheets that have been produced by the Community and Health Services Department on behalf of the York Region Social Data Strategy Consortium. These fact sheets have been developed using the 2006 Census general release data; are attached for your information, and include:

- Diversity of Residents Living in York Region: Immigration and Mobility
- Diversity of Residents Living in York Region: Ethnic Origin and Visible Minorities
- Languages Spoken by York Region Residents

These fact sheets will be widely distributed to local municipalities, community organizations, federal and provincial government offices, the business community and to the general public for information and for use in decision making and planning. They will also be posted online at www.york.ca/yrcsd and will be made available in the three most commonly spoken non-official languages in the Region (i.e. Chinese, Russian and Farsi) and can be made available in other languages on an as-needed basis.

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“Just the Facts About Your Community”, Census 2006

Last month we released an update of “*What if York Region Were a Village of Just 100 People?*” brochure and it is also now available on the Region’s web site and in hard copy.

In January 2009, we will be releasing fact sheets on employment and income, housing and shelter costs of York Region residents.

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Attachments: “Just the Facts About Your Community” Census, 2006 Fact Sheets