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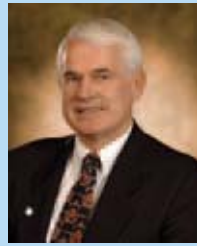
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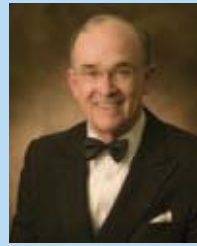
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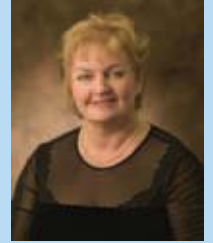
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A Message From York Regional Council

The Regional Municipality of York is a dynamic community that has witnessed great change over the last number of years. As our Region continues to grow and neighbourhood development intensifies, providing needed services and infrastructure to our residents is increasingly challenging.

Transportation is a challenge that many municipalities face, and York Region is no exception. With one of the highest rates of growth in the Greater Toronto Area, transportation planning is critical to maintain the high quality of life that our residents enjoy.

The Region has access to a wide range of data and statistics on transportation system usage, road capacity and travel patterns, which are extremely useful tools in transportation system management.

The Transportation Fact Book 2009 is intended to highlight the major elements of York Region's extensive transportation system, including the road network, public transit and other sustainable modes of transportation such as walking, cycling and carpooling.

The collection of information in this booklet provides a comprehensive overview of our current transportation system and can be used as a basis for planning the transportation requirements of our new and evolving communities.



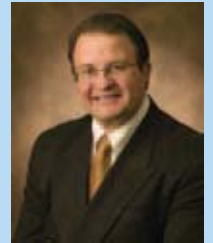
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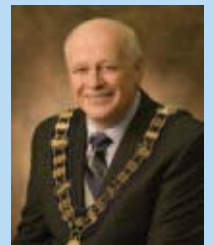
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Preface



The **2009 Transportation Fact Book** contains general information and statistics about the transportation system in The Regional Municipality of York. It highlights the major aspects about the road and transit infrastructure, commuter support services and programs which are built and maintained by York Region or in partnership with other municipalities in the Greater Toronto Area. The Transportation Fact Book was started in 2004; this edition is the third in a series of Transportation Fact Books.

The objective of the Transportation Fact Book is to capture the nature and use of the transportation system in York Region. More specifically, the Transportation Fact Book meets the following purposes:

- As a reference document, it gives an overview of York Region's transportation system components and its use, and provides a context for monitoring the performance of the system components.
- As a high level document, it informs Regional Council, senior management, other Regional departments and the public of transportation services and programs available.
- As a report, it serves to demonstrate the policy value of data collection, and the reliability and consistency of the data and collection methods used in the Region.

The Transportation Fact Book is organized into seven sections to provide the reader with a series of related transportation facts and figures. Included within the seven sections are:

- Section 1 - A general overview of The Regional Municipality of York.
- Section 2 - Road System provides an overview of the Regional road network including jurisdiction and number of lanes.
- Section 3 - Sustainable Transportation provides information on the Region's transit, pedestrian and cycling networks, and supportive policies and programs such as the Region's Transportation Demand Management programs.
- Section 4 - System Usage describes the usage and demand on both the road and transit systems.
- Section 5 - Traffic Safety provides a general overview of traffic safety statistics.
- Section 6 - Travel Patterns and Characteristics provides an overview of key indicators from two transportation surveys.
- Section 7 - Provides contact information for key Regional and Municipal Transportation Departments, and Transit System Providers.

What's New in this Edition

Although many of the content topics within previous versions of the Transportation Fact Book are consistent with this update, the 2009 Transportation Fact Book has been reorganized to provide the reader with a consistent grouping of content. In addition, a new Sustainable Transportation System section has been included in the report (Section 3) to provide a distinction between content that is dependant on the Regional road system, and systems and policies that will support the Region's Sustainability Initiatives. This new section builds upon the existing content regarding Transit and Transportation Demand Management and includes new information on the Region's work at implementing infrastructure identified in the Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan.

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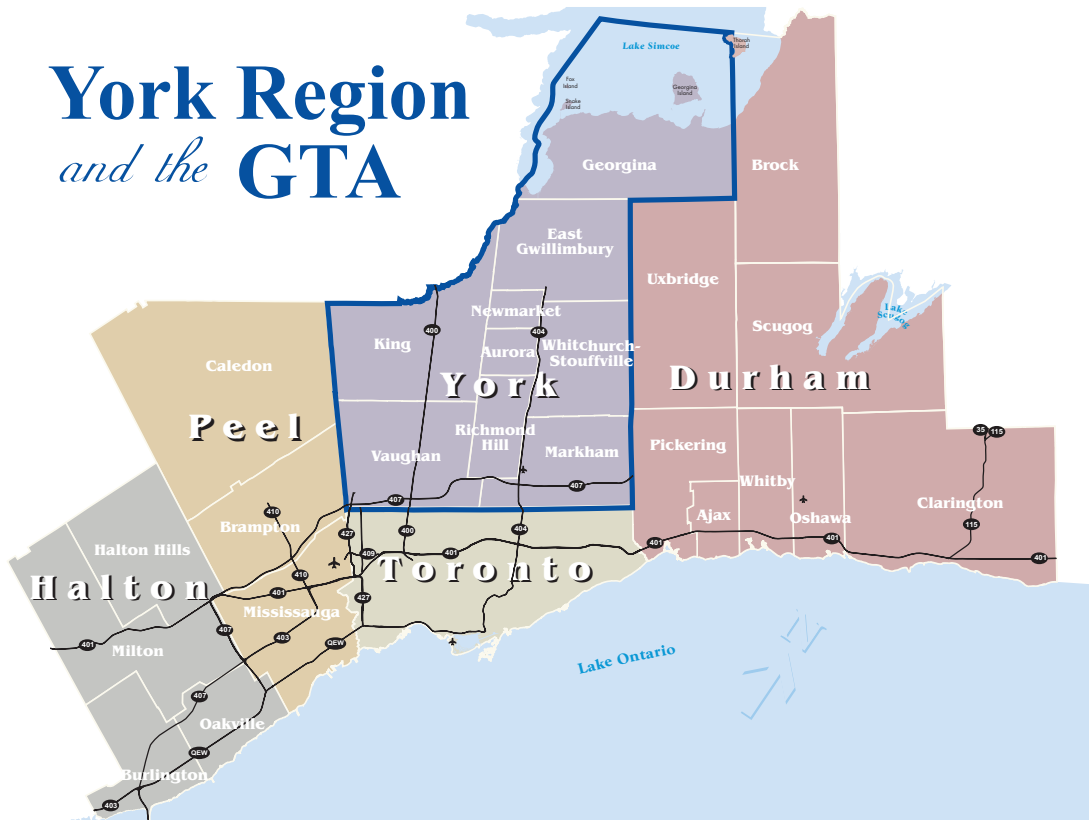
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York Region at a Glance

York Region and the GTA



York Region and its nine municipalities are part of a broader Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area where over 6 million people live, work and play. York Region has a two-tier government structure, with services provided by the Region and local area municipal governments. Over one million people in York Region, from a variety of cultural backgrounds, live across 1,776 square kilometres (686 square miles) stretching from Steeles Avenue in the south to Lake Simcoe and the Holland Marsh in the north.

York Region's diverse communities, emerging urban centres, competitive industries, attractive natural environment, and strategic location in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area continue to attract dynamic growth. By 2031, it is anticipated that York Region will reach 1.5 million residents, 780,000 jobs, and 510,000 households.

QUICK FACTS

York Region covers 1,776 square kilometres.

There are nine local area municipalities within York Region:

1. Aurora
2. East Gwillimbury
3. Georgina
4. King
5. Markham
6. Newmarket
7. Richmond Hill
8. Whitchurch-Stouffville
9. Vaughan

There are:

- 3,399 lane kilometres of Regional roads
- 15,900,000 vehicle kilometres of travel everyday on Regional roads in 2008
- More than 18.8 million passengers chose to ride with York Region Transit and Viva in 2008

Population and Employment Growth

- 51% increase over the past 10 years from 671,200 in 1998 to 1,011,400 in 2008
- 156,500 new residents in the past 5 years (average of 31,300 per year)
- 160,000 new jobs since 1998
- Growth will continue in the future with an estimated population increase of 49% (496,000 people) by 2031 to 1.5 million residents.

