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2007 York Region Community Services and Housing Budget

NEWMARKET – York Regional Council today approved The Regional Municipality of York's 2007 *Business Plan and Budget* which includes \$169.7 million budget for Community Services and Housing allocated as follows:

- \$52.1 million for Family and Children's Services
- \$65.3 million for Social Assistance
- \$52.3 million for Housing Services

The \$52.1 million allocated to Family and Children's Services includes early intervention services to a monthly average of 1,066 children and child care fee subsidies for 2,866 spaces.

The \$65.3 million allocated to Social Assistance will provide employment and financial supports to an average monthly caseload of 5,025 households, an increase of 5.8 per cent over 2006, and assist individuals and families in emergency shelters.

In addition, York Region provides funding of approximately \$22.4 million to assist residents through the provincially administered Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP).

The \$52.3 million allocated to Housing Services will allow York Region to administer 6,523 social housing units.

The 2007 Capital budget includes projects for new capital infrastructure in support of growth and development within York Region. The key capital improvements for Community Services and Housing Department include:

- Vaughan Civic Centre, an 85-unit seniors residence in the City of Vaughan
- Tom Taylor Place, a 50-unit affordable housing residential building in the Town of Newmarket



York Region administers more than 6,500 social housing units.

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