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## **York Regional Council – November 25, 2010**

### ***York Region Chairman summarizes Council's achievements***

York Region Chairman and CEO Bill Fisch highlighted the achievements of York Regional Council over the past four years, including the Region being named one of the Top 100 Employers in the GTA for 2011. This award is a testament to the vision and leadership of Council and reinforces York Region as an increasingly desirable place to live, work and visit.

Chairman Fisch also thanked all members of Council for their commitment, dedication and for devoting so much of themselves to the betterment of our community. He highlighted some of the major accomplishments of this Council and recognized the ongoing collaboration that was required to achieve success during Council's four-year term.

Chairman Fisch addressed the contributions of the following outgoing Regional Council members:

- Township of King Mayor Margaret Black; 16 years as a member of Regional Council
- City of Vaughan Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio; 16 years as a member of Regional Council
- Town of East Gwillimbury Mayor Jamie Young; 10 years as a member of Regional Council
- City of Vaughan Mayor Linda Jackson; seven years as a member of Regional Council
- City of Vaughan Regional Councillor Mario Ferri; seven years as a member of Regional Council
- Town of Aurora Mayor Phyllis Morris; four years as a member of Regional Council
- Town of Markham Regional Councillor Joseph Virgilio; 14 months as a member of Regional Council

### ***Appointment of new Chief of York Regional Police takes place December 13***

Georgina Regional Councillor Danny Wheeler, Chair of the York Regional Police Services Board, acknowledged the appointment of Eric Jolliffe as the next Chief of York Regional Police.

Chief Designate Jolliffe began his career with the York Regional Police in 1981 and currently oversees the Administration Branch. The appointment takes effect on December 13, 2010, following the retirement of current Chief Armand La Barge.

York Regional Police is the third largest municipal police service in Ontario. The new Chief will lead 1,433 officers and 520 civilians.

### ***Temporary No Stopping Zones in City of Vaughan***

York Regional Council has approved two temporary "No Stopping Anytime" bylaws in the City of Vaughan to help ensure the safe movement of traffic through commercial construction areas. These include:

- Both sides of Dufferin Street from 100 metres north to 100 metres south of Teston Road
- The south side of Highway 7 from 115 metres west of Kipling Avenue

The Dufferin Street bylaw will be in effect until December 31, 2011, when construction is scheduled for completion on a seniors' residence.

The Highway 7 bylaw will be in effect until December 31, 2012, when construction is scheduled for completion on a condominium.

Once construction is completed, both areas will be monitored to determine if the bylaws should be permanent.

***The Regional Municipality of York receives Going Green Award for environmental leadership in non-profit housing sector***

The Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association recently awarded a Going Green Award to Housing York Inc., the non-profit housing corporation operated by The Regional Municipality of York. The award recognizes Housing York Inc. for taking innovative steps to reduce its impact on the environment.

Housing York Inc. developed a 10-year building investment plan, implemented an energy savings program and enhanced communication with tenants. The use of new technologies, improved consumption management, tenant education and building retrofits have helped create environmentally and fiscally-responsible social housing communities.

In addition, Housing York Inc. obtained Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification from the Canada Green Building Council for two buildings. Leeder Place in the Town of East Gwillimbury achieved LEED Silver certification and Tom Taylor Place in the Town of Newmarket achieved LEED Gold certification.

Housing York Inc. operates 31 housing developments consisting of 1,977 units in all nine of York Region's local municipalities.

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