



Media Release



Town of
East Gwillimbury

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York Region Transit launches new service to Mount Albert in Town of East Gwillimbury

NEWMARKET –York Regional Chair and CEO Bill Fisch joined King Township Mayor Margaret Black, Chair of the Region's Transit Committee, James Young, Mayor of the Town of East Gwillimbury and residents from Royal Oak Court, to officially launch new York Region Transit (YRT) service to the community of Mount Albert.

"York Region continues to expand and enhance transit service across our communities, including conventional, specialized and rapid transit buses," said Chair Fisch. "This new YRT route to Mount Albert will help to meet the transportation needs of East Gwillimbury residents now and well into the future."

The new YRT Route 58A expands current service to the Town of Aurora, the Town of Newmarket and the community of Sharon in the Town of East Gwillimbury. The need for service to Mount Albert was identified following a series of public consultations, and a workshop in East Gwillimbury held earlier this year, that recognized the impacts of a growing population and the need for further integration with the existing YRT network of transit services.

"This represents a great opportunity for East Gwillimbury as it provides another transportation option for the community," said Mayor Black. "This new route will give local residents an economical and effective means of getting around East Gwillimbury and to neighbouring York Region communities."

"The Town of East Gwillimbury is greatly expanding its residential, commercial and industrial base, creating increasing demands for new transportation services," said Mayor Young. "This new YRT route to Mount Albert represents a critical step forward in connecting the Town of East Gwillimbury to the larger network of transit, services and communities across York Region. For our residents it means a more efficient, environmentally-friendly and convenient transportation option to get to work, appointments or other day-trip destinations."

For scheduling information on the YRT Route 58A to Mount Albert or other services offered by YRT and Viva, please visit www.yrt.ca or call toll-free at 1-866-MOVE-YRT (668-3978), locally at (905) 881-5167 or TTY line at 1-866-276-7478.

Live transit updates are available weekday mornings between 6:35 a.m. and 8:35 a.m. on A-Channel.

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