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2007 York Region Health, EMS and Long Term Care Budget

NEWMARKET – York Regional Council today approved The Regional Municipality of York's 2007 *Business Plan and Budget* which includes more than \$107.2 million for Health, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Long-Term Care allocated as follows:

- \$43.6 million to Public Health
- \$35.2 million for Emergency Medical Services
- \$28.4 million for Long Term Care Services

The \$43.6 million allocated to Public Health will enable the Branch to move towards increased compliance with Mandatory Programs and Services delivery.

The \$35.2 million allocated to EMS operations will assist the Region's paramedics to deliver 254,652 service hours in 2007. It also includes funding for six new paramedics and one new ambulance.

The \$28.4 million allocated for Long Term Care Services will allow the Region to deliver 84,680 long term care facility bed days and 99,560 community program client days.

The 2007 Capital budget includes projects for new capital infrastructure in support of growth and development across York Region. The key capital improvements for Health, EMS and Long Term care include:

- EMS Maple Station relocation, plus projects carried over from 2006: Queensville, Keswick and Pefferlaw EMS stations
- Nine replacement ambulances
- Three replacement paramedic response units
- Maple Health Centre Heating Ventilating and Air Conditioning (HVAC) repairs
- Infectious Disease Risk Assessment (Maple and Newmarket Health Centres)
- Ontario Disability Act (ODA) Barrier Removal Action Plan

In addition, York Regional Council continued its commitment to hospital funding, committing \$7.3 million to fund hospital capital projects in 2007 as part of a funding program totalling \$62.5 million



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