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Viva purple extended eastward to Markham Stouffville Hospital

Three new stops provide additional rapid transit service to east Markham residents

NEWMARKET – The Regional Municipality of York is extending Viva purple rapid transit service from McCowan Road to Markham Stouffville Hospital in the Town of Markham, effective January 27, 2008.

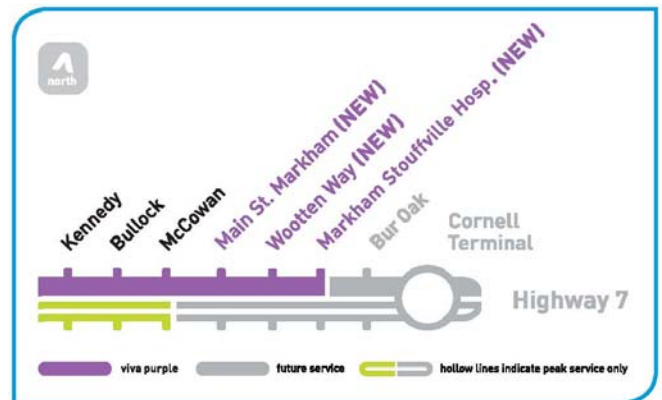
An event next Monday at the new Markham Stouffville Hospital vivastation will launch the service extension.

When: Monday, January 28th at 10:30 a.m.

Where: Markham Stouffville Hospital Vivastation
Near 377 Church Street (in front of
Markham Stouffville Medical Centre)
Town of Markham

Speakers:

- Town of Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti
- Town of Markham Regional Councillor Jack Heath



Background:

This service extension provides three new vivastations at Main Street Markham and Highway 7, Wootten Way and Highway 7 and Markham Stouffville Hospital on Church Street.

All locations will offer a oneRide ticket vending machine, a vivaNow ticket validator and connections to both Viva and YRT routes. The new Markham Stouffville Hospital vivastation will provide convenient access to the hospital as well as Markham Stouffville Medical Centre and Participation House.

Viva purple service operates Monday through Sunday, approximately every 15 minutes. Customers travelling on Viva purple to Markham Stouffville Hospital will be able to make connections with YRT Routes:

- 1 - Highway 7
- 2A - 14th Avenue
- 9 - 9th Line
- 18 - Bur Oak
- 85 - Rutherford/16th Avenue
- 522 - Markham Community Bus

For additional YRT/Viva information, please visit the YRT/Viva website at www.yrt.ca or call the Customer Service Centre at 1-866-MOVE-YRT (668-3978). For Viva Phase 2 information, please visit www.vivayork.com

For more information on The Regional Municipality of York, please visit www.york.ca

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