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York Regional Council approves \$1.5 billion 2011 Operating Plan

NEWMARKET – York Regional Council today approved a \$1.5 billion operating budget as part of the 2011 Business Plan and Budget.

Highlights include:

\$239 million for York Regional Police, including:

- Adding 28 additional police officers and 10 civilian staff

\$193 million for Transportation Services, including:

- Maintaining more than 3,500 lane kilometres and 800 traffic signals
- Providing more than 1 million transit service hours through a fleet of approximately 335 conventional buses, 77 mobility vehicles and 123 Viva rapid transit vehicles

\$141 million for Community and Health Services, including:

- Providing financial assistance to an average 5,800 individuals and families monthly
- Operating more than 6,000 Social Housing units
- Subsidizing child care spaces for 3,500 children
- Operating 232 Long Term Care beds
- Providing funding for 43 community-based projects through the Community Development Investment Fund
- Contributing \$1 million to the Social Housing Repair Reserve
- Operating 20 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) stations and 84 vehicles (plus the addition of 14 new paramedics and two supervisors in 2011)

\$40 million for Solid Waste Management, including:

- Contributing \$1 million to reserves for future infrastructure requirements
- Managing over 350,000 tonnes of solid waste in 2011 with a goal of diverting 60 per cent of solid waste tonnage from landfill (representing more than 220,000 tonnes)
- Cost for a new Community Environmental Centre (CEC) in the Town of Richmond Hill and upgrading the Georgina Transfer Station to include CEC features

\$30 million for Capital Asset Replacement:

- To provide for future infrastructure requirements

\$26 million for GTA Pooling

- Money collected by the Province of Ontario from York Region to help pay for Social Assistance and Social Housing programs in the City of Toronto

\$12 million for debt reduction

- To reduce reliance on debt financing

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