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YORK REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES 2019 POLICE BUDGET

York Regional Police is pleased to announce that York Regional Council has approved the 2019 police operating and capital budgets, allowing our organization to continue to deliver nationally-recognized crime prevention and law enforcement programs to our more than 1.2 million citizens living in one of Canada's safest communities.

The approved net operating budget for 2019 is \$333.9 million. The 2019 capital budget is \$33.5 million, with capital spend authority for multiple-year projects of \$62.5 million.

To assist York Regional Police in meeting the increasing demands for service and responding to legislative reforms, we will be adding 53 additional members in 2019. These members will help our organization manage the workload and growth challenges we face right across our region.

The capital budget will provide funding for the new #1 District Multi-function Facility, the Marine Unit Headquarters, Business Intelligence and other necessary information technology upgrades, as well as renovations to facilities in accordance with our asset-management planning. These funds will also be used for the annual purchase of vehicles and other specialized equipment.

"We recognize we operate in a challenging economic climate and we continue to be committed to providing superior quality service in a financially responsible manner," said Chief Eric Jolliffe. "We remain accountable to our taxpaying community and appreciate the support of Regional Council and the Police Services Board as we address policing priorities and our continually-growing community. This budget will help ensure York Region remains one of Canada's safest communities."

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