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Councillor Ward 2

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"Community Safety Seminar"

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2005 ~ 7:30 pm
Ballantrae Golf Club Recreation Centre

Hosted by Councillor Bannon to update the community with relevant current issues in Ward 2 - also featured will be the following:

**York Regional Police Drugs + Vice Unit
Marihuana Grow House Operations in York Region**

**York Regional Police Air Support Unit
Benefits of Helicopter Program**

We also welcome the community of Ward 2 to come and present their ideas and areas of concern for the following topics:

- Health Care • Children • Seniors

- Social Services • Immigration (Foreign Trained Professionals)

These issues must be addressed at the Provincial and Federal levels of government. I will ensure that your concerns are forwarded on to our MPP Frank Klees.

Contact Phil at 905-640-1910, ext. 701 or email: phil.bannon@townofws.com



Single transit authority would help solve congestion: Klees

BY ROY GREEN
Staff Writer

The last time a public meeting on traffic congestion was held in York Region it was April, 2000 and the then Liberal transportation critic proposed extending Toronto's subway into the region.

Five years and a change of provincial government later, the region is still waiting for the subway and traffic is worse than ever. About two dozen people attended a meeting Tuesday night in Richmond Hill, about twice as many people as attended the 2000 meeting.

Organized by York Region Conservative MPPs Frank Klees and Julia Munro and the party's transportation critic, Durham MPP John O'Toole, participants heard suggestions including dedicated lanes for trucks, buses and/or multi-passenger vehicles,

turning sidewalks into bicycle lanes during rush hour, all-day GO train service from Richmond Hill and, yes, extending the TTC subway to York University and into York Region.

The university is the "centre of gridlock in the GTA," according Ed Spence, senior policy advisor at York. "A subway extension would be the major gateway to York Region."

The school has a population of 65,000, including 49,000 students, and handles 35,000 car trips per day, although there are only 11,000 parking spaces.

It's already a major transit gateway, Mr. Spence said, with more than 1,500 daily bus trips to the campus. And he held out hope that some action on the subway extension might be forthcoming.

Richmond Hill resident Mike Elliott presented a detailed study

of his travel options to downtown Toronto and said he has already moved once, from Aurora to Richmond Hill, to shorten his commute. But he has concluded he will have to move back to the city unless GO increases rail service from Richmond Hill. GO's response to his repeated requests has always been the Yonge Street corridor is already well served by GO bus, York Region Transit and now Viva rapid transit, he said.

"After 10 years here, my options are drive the car, move to the city or wait (for GO to increase service)," he said.

One recurring theme was the need for a GTA-wide transit authority, a concept that was promised by the Liberal government more than a year ago and which was expected to become a reality in yesterday's Throne Speech at Queen's Park.

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