

New \$5.5-M station good to GO Tuesday

BY JIM MASON
Staff Writer

Whitchurch-Stouffville GO bus and train riders, you will have another option as of Tuesday.

The new \$5.5-million Lincolnville station, offering train and bus connections, will transport its first passengers Sept. 2.

The station, complete with a kiss-and-ride loop, is at Bethesda Road and Tenth Line, northeast of Stouffville near the Uxbridge border.

It's expected to serve riders from eastern Stouffville and Uxbridge.

The site, a former GO train storage yard, has 150 parking spaces with room for more. It's fully accessible.

It's the seventh GO station opened by the McGuinty Liberals, transportation minister Jim Bradley said at a ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday. GO has 59 stations in the province.

Oak Ridges-Markham MPP

► For a GO train & bus schedule, go to www.gotransit.com

Helena Jaczek said the station should free up parking spots at the crowded downtown Stouffville station. Commuters told her about parking shortages as she campaigned at the station last fall.

Train service from the new station is offered Monday to Friday.

The first train will depart Lincolnville station at 5:18 a.m., scheduled to arrive at Union Station in Toronto at 6:20 a.m. Bus service is seven days a week.

One-way and day tickets are available from a vending machine at the station.

Other tickets, including seniors (65 and older) and students and multi-ride passes, can be purchased from the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce office in the downtown Stouffville station.



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York Region chairperson Bill Fisch "volunteers" his credit card to buy tickets for the GO train at the new Lincolnville GO Station in Whitchurch-Stouffville at Bethesda Road and Tenth Line after the official opening on Thursday. Looking on are Minister of Transportation Jim Bradley (from left), GO Transit chairperson Peter Smith, Markham-Oak Ridges MPP Helena Jaczek and Mayor Wayne Emmerson.

Revamped YRT schedule starts Sunday

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If you take York Regional Transit in Stouffville or beyond, you need to double check the schedule starting Sunday.

More than 50 route and schedule changes will adjust and improve services across York Region.

Residents are advised to use the YRT/Viva website and customer service centre to stay informed and plan ahead.

Service changes include reinstatement of school specials serving high schools throughout York Region, as well as the introduction of six new school special routes.

Viva purple and orange service frequency will be increased to meet fall demand and Viva blue service from

► For more information about YRT/Viva services, visit the YRT/Viva website at www.yrt.ca or call the Customer Service Centre at 1-866-MOVE-YRT (668-3978).

Finch Station will be extended to meet the last northbound TTC train at 2:15 a.m. on weekdays and weekends.

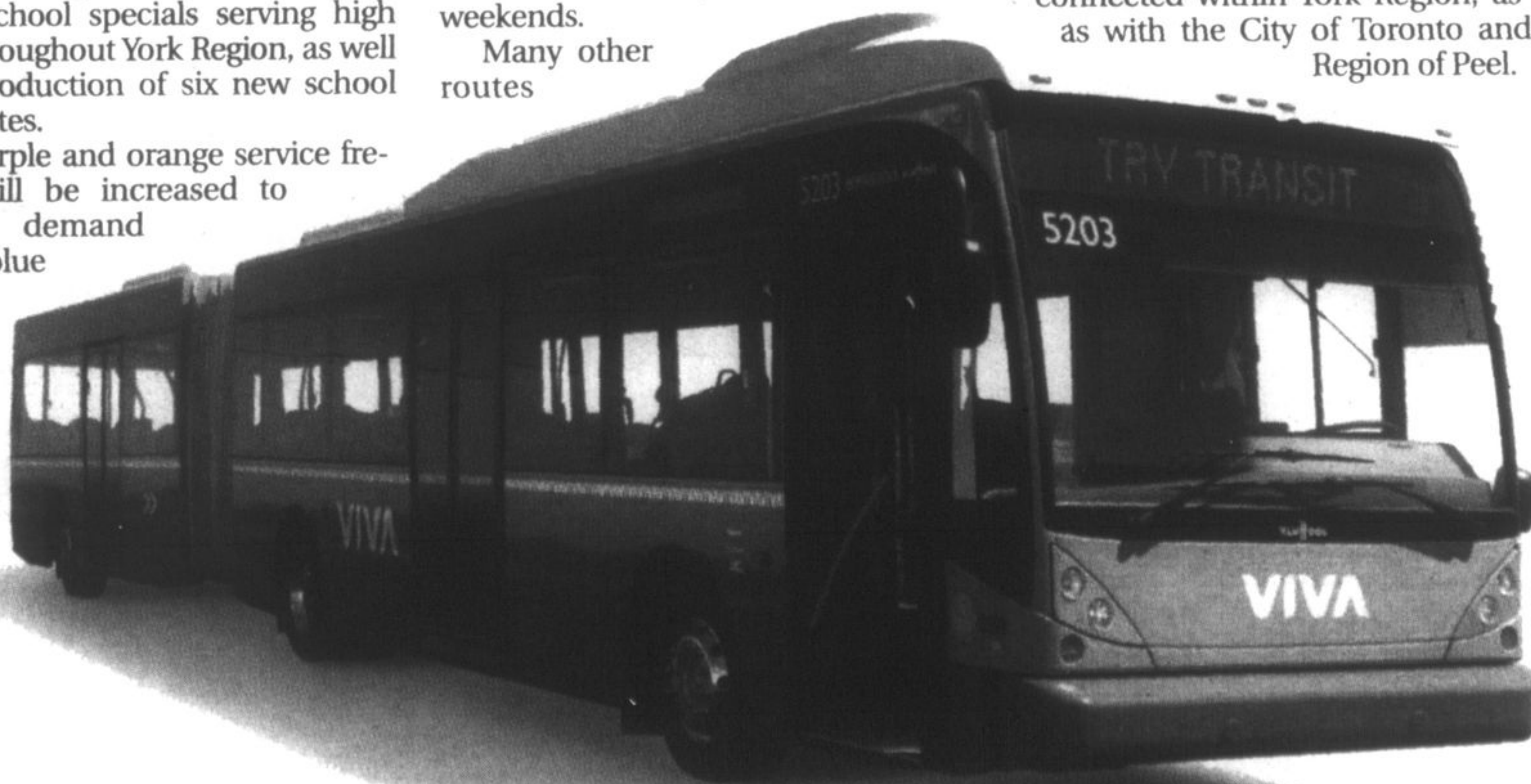
Many other routes

and schedules will be adjusted to serve commuters throughout York Region.

Service changes will be promoted through advertisements in local newspapers, posters at affected bus stops, information on YRT/Viva vehicles and online at www.yrt.ca under "Service Changes".

YRT/Viva offers local and rapid transit service options throughout all nine municipalities of York Region.

More than 80 routes keep residents connected within York Region, as well as with the City of Toronto and the Region of Peel.



Province gives \$880,000 for town road(s)

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Thank Dalton McGuinty for some road work coming soon to a street near you, Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The province announced a \$1.7 billion surplus, some of which will be spent on local roads, Monday.

The big surplus is for the long list of infrastructure needs such as the roads, water supply, sewer systems, pavement conditions and sidewalks.

York Region was handed about \$53 million to update and maintain transit systems and affordable housing.

COUNCIL TO PICK PROJECT

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will receive \$880,000.

It will be poured into roads at the discretion of town council, said Mayor Wayne Emmerson, who appreciated the money and its timing.

"It's really good and ahead of schedule," he said. "Last year, we got this after our budget and our roads budget (were set).

"We do have some issues with roads and this is welcome."

Don't expect the cash to cure all problems.

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