Give cops a tip at restaurant and help Special Olympics

Stouffville's Boston Pizza will be handing over its server duties to the York Region Police Department during its first-ever Tip a Cop fundraiser.

From 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday night, York Region cadets will be serving local customers, while raising money for Special Olympics.

"It's actually part of their training for the cadets — community service," Susan Acton, Stouffville's Boston Pizza community relations co-ordinator said.

"(It's) showing them how to get involved with the community."

All tips given to the young officers, as well as 10 per cent of the proceeds earned during the threehour event, will go directly to the Special Olympics.

Boston Pizza is at 1060 Hoover Park Drive, Stouffville.

- Sandra Bolan

Trip on Hwy. 407 gets more expensive as of Feb. 1

A trip on Hwy. 407 will cost you a bit more starting next month.

The good news is that toll charg-

es and transponder fees will be a bit cheaper.

407 ETR announced their 2009 rates this week.

Starting Feb. 1, driving on the toll highway during rush hour (6 to 10 a.m. and 3 to 7 p.m. on weekdays) will cost \$0.1925 cents/km in a car, SUV or minivan, \$0.3850 cents/km in large trucks and \$0.5775 cents/ km in a tractor-trailer. These rates, which mark increases from a quarter to three-quarters of a cent over 2008 rates, are for use of the highway east of Hwy. 400.

West of Hwy, 400, users can expect to pay \$0.1985 cents/km for a car, truck or mini-van, \$0.3970 cents/km for a large truck and \$0.5955 cents/km for a tractortrailer.

Non peak-hours, on both sides of the 400, will cost \$0.18 per kilometre in a car, \$0.36 in a large truck and \$0.54 in a transport.

The company that owns Hwy. 407, a consortium made up of Spanish, Australian and Montreal-based companies, has also announced a trip toll charge will be introduced this year.

That means a light vehicle will pay a quarter, a large truck \$0.50 and a transport \$0.75 for each trip on the highway.

However, the owners also announced the video toll charge for light vehicles will decrease from \$3.60 to \$3.25.

That's the per-trip fee motorists with vehicles without transponders must pay. Also, the monthly transponder lease fee and the video account fee, for those without transponders, will both decrease five cents to \$2.50 each.

The president of 407 ETR said the company has invested \$1.1 billion in new lanes since 1999 and plans to build more than \$70 million of new lanes in 2009.

- Keely Grasser

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Hospital uses hand hygiene program

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eral programs aimed at reducing the spread of all infections, according to Janet Roberts, the hospital's vice-president of clinical programs and chief nurse executive.

The hospital has a very comprehensive surveillance program, Ms Roberts said, adding any patient at high risk of having or acquiring an infection is watched carefully and those with signs are isolated.

There is also a hand hygiene

program in place "to teach and remind all of our caregivers of the importance of hand hygiene," she

This is run by a department of infection prevention and control, Ms Roberts explained, which is led by a team of infection prevention and control practitioners, who are nurses with specialized training.

She added the hospital also has very good daily environmental cleaning processes.

Earlier this year, the provincial

government announced full public reporting on eight patient safety indicators as part of a plan for transparency in Ontario's hospitals.

In September, hospitals reported rates of C. Difficile. In December, they reported their hospital standardized mortality rates.

Four more indicators — central-line primary blood stream infection, ventilator-associated pneumonia, surgical site infection prevention and hand hygiene compliance — will be reported in April.







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