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# Have your say on transit changes, Stouffville

York Region Transit is eyeing major changes as part of its 2012 service plan and staff want to hear what you think of their ideas.

A series of public meetings take place in the next few weeks, during which you can have your say.

The region's transit system is posting record ridership every month and, following a dip during the recession, appears set to exceed 21 million riders this year.

Despite the success, YRT general manager Rick Leary has told regional councillors they need to take a hard look at transit routes.

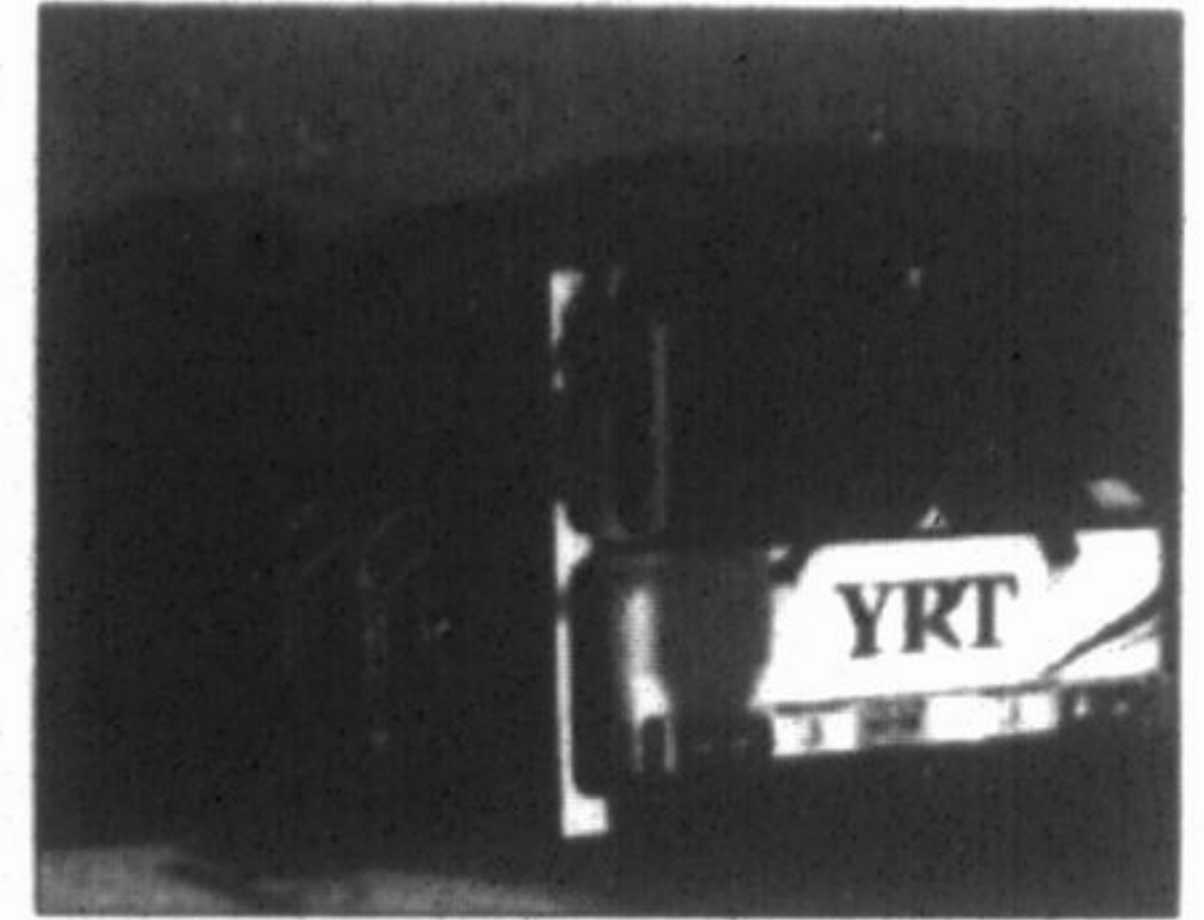
He presented a route-by-route breakdown in June of YRT and Viva's routes, including a focus on transit subsidies. While York Region has the province's third largest fleet, it ranks sixth in ridership.

Every transit fare now accounts for about 38 per cent of the cost of boarding a bus. The region aims to achieve a 50/50 split and moving toward that will require big changes on routes falling below that mark.

Mr. Leary will present the 2012 plan to council in the fall, along with a five-year plan.

## REMAINING MEETING DATES

- Tues. Aug. 16 — King Township Public Library (1970 King Rd.), 5 to 7 p.m.
- Thurs. Aug. 18 — Mount Albert Community Centre (53 Main St.), 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Mon. Aug. 22 — Lebovic Community Centre, Stouffville (30 Burkholder St.) 5 to 7 p.m.**
- Tues. Aug. 23 — Al Palladini Community Centre (9201 Islington Ave.) 5 to 7 p.m.
- Wed. Aug. 24 — Markville mall, upper level



near H & M (5000 Hwy. 7 E.), 4 to 7 p.m.

• Tues. Aug. 30 — Aurora GO Station (121 Wellington St. E.) 4 to 7 p.m.

# “Will my Green Bin waste be left behind?”

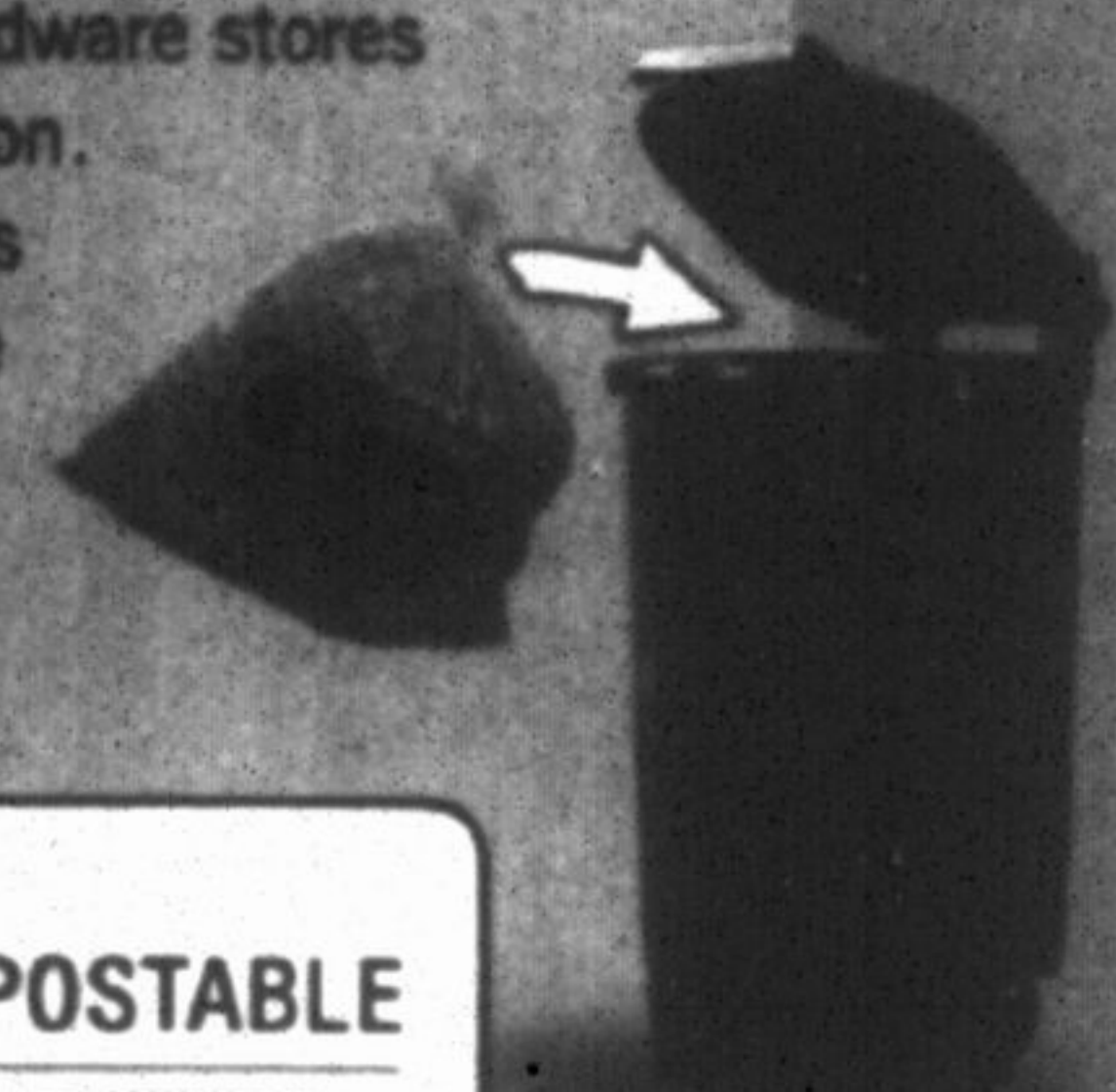
York Region is asking residents to make the switch from plastic bags to compostable bags to line the Green Bin or kitchen container.

It is part of a phased approach to move towards a more sustainable, environmentally-friendly process.

As we continue this mandatory program over the next year, Green Bin waste will not be left behind. Program participation will be reviewed throughout the year. Enforcement needs, if any, will be determined at a later date.

Residents are encouraged to use compostable bags to reduce the amount of plastic sent to landfill. Plastic bag liners are removed from the final composted product and sent for disposal. In contrast, compostable bags are made of plant-based materials that break down naturally into compost.

Compostable bags are available at most grocery and hardware stores throughout York Region. Many different brands are available. Be sure to look for certified compostable bags with this logo:



## Make the switch to compostable bags



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