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Regional Chair Wayne Emmerson
Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

Dear Chair Emmerson:

Today, I joined Premier Doug Ford to announce that on February 26th our government is making it easier and more affordable for York Region residents to take public transit with the launch of Ontario's One Fare Program. This means riders will only pay once when transferring between the Toronto Transit Commission and York Region Transit, Durham Region Transit, MiWay, Brampton Transit, and GO Transit.

The One Fare Program is in addition to the more than \$70 billion our government is investing in public transit to make it a more affordable and attractive option for people across the Greater Golden Horseshoe, and all of Ontario.

I am writing to extend my appreciation for the exceptional work and commitment displayed by the Regional Municipality of York, York Region Transit and of course, your office, in helping us make this vision a reality. Your municipality's expertise, willingness to collaborate, and desire to explore innovative solutions were critical to our shared success.

As we reflect on the accomplishments achieved through this partnership, Premier Ford and our government remain committed to building on this momentum. Working together, opportunities going forward could include:

- Harmonizing discounted fares;
- Maximizing transit access to employment centres and major destinations; and,
- Making the transit experience even more seamless for conventional and specialized transit riders.

The Regional Municipality of York, and York Region Transit continue to be key partners in this journey as we continue to make transit more convenient and affordable for riders in the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vijay Thanigasalam".

Vijay Thanigasalam
Associate Minister of Transportation Ontario