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**NEW EMERGENCY DETOUR ROUTE IDENTIFIED FOR HWY 410 AND HWY 10, CALEDON
- Traffic signs with detour directions now installed along roads**

BRAMPTON, ON. (January 9, 2012) – A new Emergency Detour Route (EDR) has been developed to direct traffic off and away from Highway 410 and southern sections of Highway 10 from Mayfield Road to King Street in Caledon in the event of an emergency road closure on Highway 410. Emergency detour routes were established as part of a provincial initiative to standardize signs and procedures for provincial highway closures across Ontario. The route provides drivers with an effective pre-determined route of travel when highway closure is necessary for emergencies.

“This past year, we had a collision on the 410 at the northbound ramp to Highway 10 creating a perfect storm of traffic chaos with no access to Highway 10 northbound for hours,” said recently retired Staff Sergeant Greg Sweeney, Caledon OPP. “Vehicles were entering the Valleywood subdivision and getting lost. It was obvious at that time that a plan needed to be created to address these issues for the future.”

The Caledon route was developed by the Ministry of Transportation, Town of Caledon, Ontario Provincial Police, and the Region of Peel. The route selected is based on several factors such as travel time and the ability to efficiently accommodate increased traffic volumes.

“Our government is taking steps to ensure the safety of drivers and passengers when a road is suddenly closed for an emergency,” said Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation. “Knowing where to go and how to get there will make our roads safer and create less stress for drivers.”

Special new signs are installed at the start of the detour route and placed along the route at the side of the road. The letters “EDR” and direction arrows are depicted. (See website for illustration and map)

Detour for northbound traffic from Highway 410 and Highway 10/Hurontario:

- Northbound Hurontario (Highway 10) and Highway 410 traffic will detour onto Mayfield Road and head east towards Dixie Road.
- Traffic resumes its northbound travel on Dixie Road.
- Turn west and travel along King Street to Highway 10 to resume the original highway route.

Detour for southbound traffic from Highway 10/Hurontario

- Southbound Highway 10 traffic will be directed to turn east on King Street
- Travel to Dixie Road and turn south.
- Turn west at Mayfield Road and continue.
- Resume southbound travel at the Highway 410 interchange or Hurontario (Highway 10).

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"The Emergency Detour Route in Caledon is the result of the OPP, Ministry of Transportation, Town of Caledon and the Region of Peel working together to design a solution so future emergencies can be addressed by authorities while diverting traffic away from a troubled scene," said Regional Chair Emil Kolb. "The new signs will provide drivers important and immediate directions in what can be a stressful situation if a highway suddenly needs to be closed."

"The detour will re-route traffic away from the Valleywood community to more continuous roads," said Caledon Mayor Marolyn Morrison. "Road safety is always a priority. We now have another tool in Caledon to assist emergency workers and road users while maintaining safety on small residential streets by diverting traffic away."

For more information including maps and examples of signage, visit peelregion.ca/EDR

The Regional Municipality of Peel was incorporated in 1974 on the principle that certain community and infrastructure services are most cost-effectively administered over a larger geographic area. The Region of Peel serves more than one million residents in the Cities of Mississauga and Brampton and the Town of Caledon.

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