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## A Message from the York Region Chairman and CEO

On behalf of York Regional Council and The Regional Municipality of York, it is my pleasure to welcome the Central Ontario Optimist District (CENON) and its members to York Region for your 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual District Convention.

Home to 1.2 million residents, our nine local cities and towns includes a very diverse community where almost 60 different languages are spoken and 20 per cent of our residents are under the age of 14.

In York Region, we welcome and encourage the valuable contribution made within our community by CENON to be positive role models, valuing community life and friendship, and inspiring children and people of all ages to do the same.

Whether you are participating as a local resident or a visitor from afar, we hope your time with us in York Region will be memorable.

Best wishes for an enjoyable and successful convention.

Yours truly,

Wayne Emmerson

York Region Chairman and CEO