



THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA LINKING NIAGARA TRANSIT COMMITTEE AGENDA

LNTC 3-2021

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

2:00 p.m.

Meeting will be held by electronic participation only

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The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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Niagara Transit Governance Workplan Update

Linking Niagara Transit Committee

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Scott Fraser, Transportation Lead – GO Implementation Office

Niagara Transit Governance 2021 Workplan

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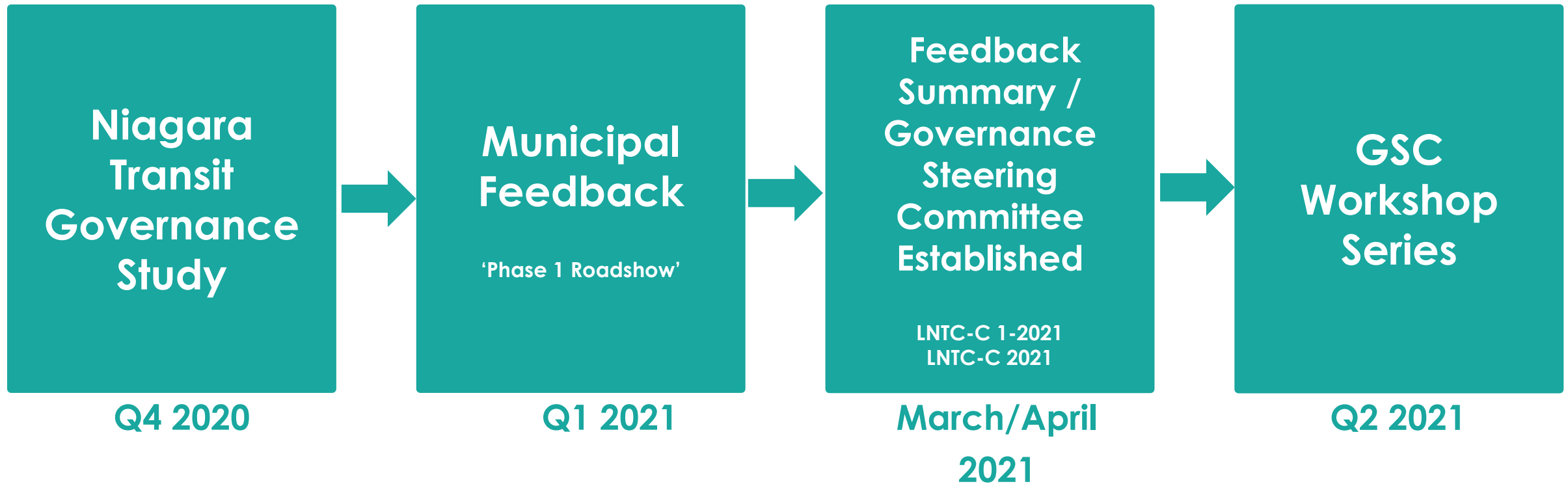
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Transit Governance 2021 Workplan

Milestones Achieved



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Governance Steering Committee



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Governance Steering Committee

Financial Strategy

- Feedback from Phase 1 Roadshow reflected in series of principles
- Wide variety of financial models being considered: single and special levies, options based on service hours, households, population
- Three workshop sessions have successively focused discussion towards preferred options
- Outcome = single recommendation

Service Strategy

- Reflecting direction from GSC - Project team established:
 - Led by LAM Transit Manager + participation from both large and small municipalities
- Focus on development of service standards: types of service, hours of operation, frequency, coverage, etc.
- Linked to Financial Strategy: implementation timing and investment

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Governance Steering Committee

Board Composition

- GSC review of Phase 1 feedback and recommendations from NTGS
 - Discussion and confirmation of principles to guide revised model
- Alternative models must support And align with finance and service strategy in development for further review by GSC

Communications and Engagement

- Development of communications strategy focused on: engagement with Councils, community stakeholders, public and transit users
- Support for both interim update report in summer and triple-majority in fall
- Project team established at direction of GSC – comprised of combination of LAM and Regional communications staff

Transit Governance 2021 Workplan

Next Steps

Revised Models

- Update report outlining recommended revised governance, financial model and service plan arising from GSC Workshop Series
 - Overview of the three primary themes to be common across Niagara
 - Additional topics raised by individual municipalities addressed through appendices
- Distribution to LAMs

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Municipal Feedback

- Local Area Municipalities provided opportunity to provide additional feedback to shape final recommendations
 - Receive the report for information should no further input required
 - Or
 - Provide covering local Staff report with additional recommendations
- Feedback required by August 20

Summer 2021

Triple-Majority

- Feedback reflected in final recommendations
- Triple-Majority process commencing with LNTC on September 29th
- Proceeding to Committee of the Whole or Special Council Meeting in October
- Conclusion within 2021

September 29 LNTC

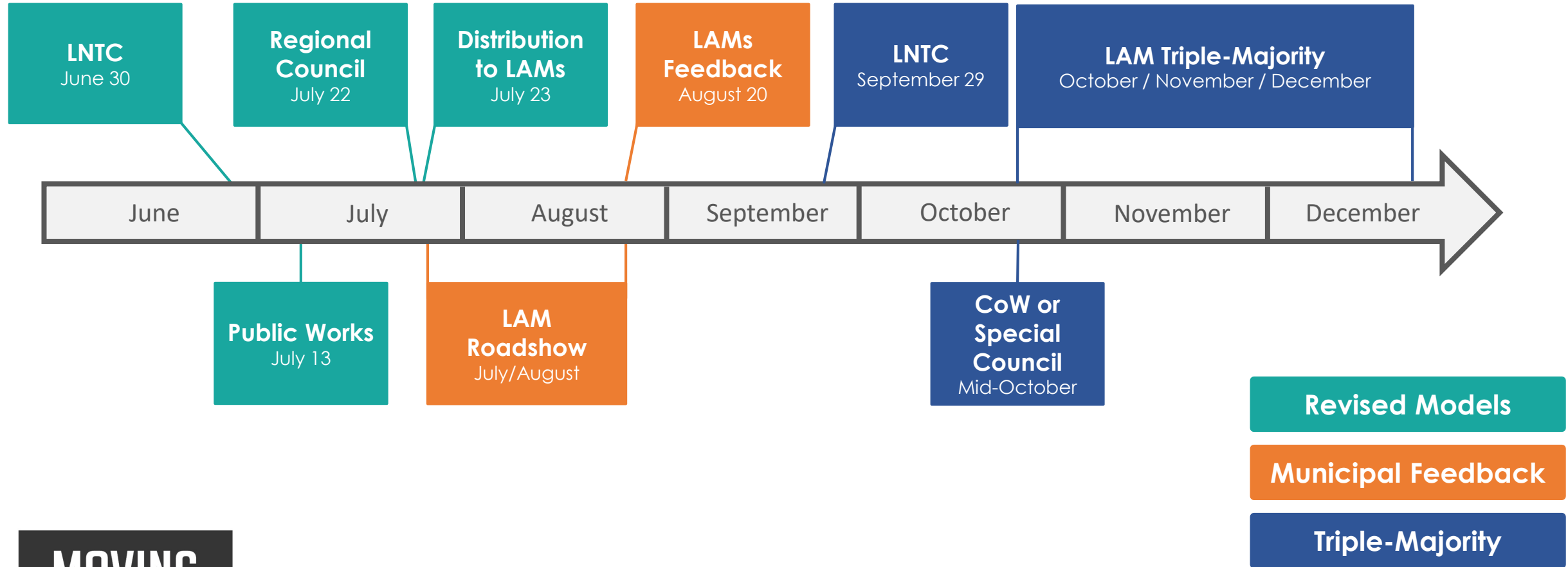
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Key Dates



Discussion

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
LINKING NIAGARA TRANSIT COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**LNTC 2-2021
Wednesday, April 28, 2021
Council Chamber/Video Conference
Regional Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee Members Present in the Council Chamber:	M. Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Office
Committee Members Present via Video Conference:	Campion (Welland Representative), S. Chemnitz, Chief Administrative Officer (St. Catharines), Fertich (Regional Representative - Committee Vice Chair), G. Miller (St. Catharines Representative), Redekop (Regional Representative), Sendzik (Regional Representative), M. Siscoe (St. Catharines Representative - Committee Chair), K. Todd, Chief Administrative Officer (Niagara Falls), S. Zorbas, Interim Chief Administrative Officer (Welland)
Other Councillors Present via Video Conference:	Bradley (Regional Chair)
Absent/Regrets:	C. Dabrowski (Niagara Falls Representative), R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer, Zalepa (Regional Representative)
Staff Present in the Council Chamber:	S. Fraser, Transportation Lead, S. Guglielmi, Technology Support Analyst, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, B. Zvaniga, Interim Commissioner, Public Works
Staff Present via Video Conference:	H. Chamberlain, Deputy Treasurer/Director, Financial Management & Planning, R. Salewytch, Transit Service Planning Coordinator, H. Talbot, Financial & Special Projects Consultant, L. Tracey, Project Coordinator, GO Implementation Office, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk
Others Present:	C. Briggs, Chair, St. Catharines Transit Commission, D. Grubb, Brock University, R. Hilson, Brock University Student Union, V. Malvaso, Niagara College, G. Morrison, St. Catharines Transit, T. Price, Niagara College Student Administrative Council, R. Rehan, Brock University Student Union, C. Stout, Niagara Falls Transit, E. Zahra, Niagara Falls Transit

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Siscoe called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Safe Restart Agreement Overview

Heather Talbot, Financial & Special Projects Consultant, provided information respecting Safe Restart Agreement Overview. Topics of the presentation included:

- Transit-Supportive Funding
- Safe Restart Agreement (SRA)
 - Municipal Funding
 - Identified Gaps in Utilization of Funding
 - Ministry of Transportation Discussion Funding Utilization Gaps
 - Transition Costs and Opportunity to Leverage SRA Funding

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide information respecting the use of Safe Restart funding allocations for governance and any Federal program opportunities for transition funding. Councillor Sendzik.

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no items for consideration.

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 LTNC-C 2-2021

Niagara Transit Governance - Governance Steering Committee Update

Moved by Councillor Sendzik

Seconded by Councillor Fertich

That Correspondence Item LNTC-C 2-2021, being a memorandum from S. Fraser, Transportation Lead, GO Implementation Office, dated April 28, 2021, respecting Niagara Transit Governance – Governance Steering Committee Update, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

6.2 LNTC 1-2021

Linking Niagara Transit Committee Minutes - March 31, 2021

Moved by G. Miller

Seconded by Councillor Fertich

That Minutes LNTC 1-2021, being the minutes of the Linking Niagara Transit Committee meeting held on March 31, 2021, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

7.1 Governance Structure Approval Timeline

Councillor Sendzik requested an updated timeline for the Niagara transit governance work plan. Matt Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Office, advised an update, including the work plan's key milestones, would be provided at the Linking Niagara Transit Committee meeting being held on June 2, 2021.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Mat Siscoe
Committee Chair

Matthew Trennum
Deputy Regional Clerk

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk