THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
LINKING NIAGARA TRANSIT COMMITTEE
MINUTES

LNTC 1-2020
Wednesday, January 29, 2020
Council Chamber
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON

Committee:	Campion (Mayor - Welland), Redekop (Mayor - Fort Erie), Sendzik (Mayor - St. Catharines), Fertich (Regional Councillor), Ip (Regional Councillor); M. Siscoe (Municipal Councillor - St. Catharines) (Committee Chair), L. Van Vliet (Municipal Councillor - Welland) (Committee Vice-Chair); S. Chemnitz, Chief Administrative Officer (St. Catharines), G. Long, Chief Administrative Officer (City of Welland) M. Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Office (Niagara Region), , K. Todd, Chief Administrative Officer (City of Niagara Falls)
Absent/Regrets:	C. Dabrowski (Municipal Councillor – Niagara Falls), G. Miller (Municipal Councillor – St. Catharines), R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer (Niagara Region)
Other Councillors:	Bradley (Regional Chair)
Staff:	M. Evely, Legislative Coordinator, C. Lam, Program Financial Analyst, R. Salewytsch, Program Manager, Transit Services, H. Talbot, Financial & Special Projects Consultant, L. Tracey, Project Coordinator, GO Implementation, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk
Others Present:	T. Luey, St. Catharines Transit, S. McGean, Township of West Lincoln, G. Morrison, St. Catharines Transit

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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 Specialized Transit Study - Final Report and Recommendations

Steve Wilkes, Project Manager, IBI Group, provided information respecting Specialized Transit Study - Final Report and Recommendations. Topics of the presentation included:

- Guiding Principles
- Recommendations
  - Eligibility and Certification
  - Reservations & Scheduling
  - Policies, Procedures, and Performance Metrics
  - Service Delivery
  - Greater Link/Integration Fixed Route Transit Services
  - Same-Day Pilot Program
  - Technology
- Growth Strategy/Financial Plan
- Implementation Plan

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 LNTC-C 2-2020
Specialized Transit Study Report

Moved by Councillor Ip
Seconded by L. Van Vliet

That Report LNTC-C 2-2020, dated January 29, 2020, respecting Specialized Transit Study Report, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the recommendations of the Specialized Transit in Niagara Region study, as described in Report LNTC-C 2-2020, **BE ENDORSED**; and

2. That a copy of Report LNTC-C 2-2020 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities.

Carried

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Campion

That the following items **BE RECEIVED** for information:

LNTC-C 1-2020
Fare Technology Update

LNTC-C 3-2020
Accessibility Advisory Committee Endorsement of Niagara Specialized Transit Draft Report

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Additional Linking Niagara Transit Committee Meetings

Committee Chair M. Siscoe advised committee that an additional meeting of the Linking Niagara Transit Committee will be held on March 4, 2020. He advised that, the Linking Niagara Transit Committee meeting to be held on April 4, 2020 would be rescheduled to April 22, 2020. He noted this revised schedule allows for alignment with key project milestones of the governance review and the Inter-Municipal Transit West deployment.

7.2 Transit Fares for Niagara College Students

Councillor Sendzik requested an update respecting the renegotiation of student transit fares with Niagara College. Matt Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Project, advised that staff from the Niagara Region and Niagara College have had on-going discussions respecting student transit fares and there is a draft agreement in place.

7.3 Availability of Niagara Specialized Transit

Councillor Sendzik brought forward a concern from the Alzheimer's Society of Niagara respecting the technology issues being experienced by Niagara Specialized Transit, such as lost bookings. Rob Salewytsch, Program Manager, Transit Services, stated that staff have not been advised of any concerns from the Alzheimer's Society of Niagara; however, there are on-going discussions with the service operator to find solutions to any system error and service users experiencing any issues are encouraged to contact staff.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Mat Siscoe
Committee Chair

Mark Evely
Legislative Coordinator

Matthew Trennum
Deputy Regional Clerk

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk