

Appendix 1 – Resolution for Endorsement in Principle

WHEREAS, a Full Commission model as described in Appendix 2 to Report LNTC-C 4-2020, and to be established as a Municipal Services Board of the Region in accordance with *Municipal Act, 2001*, has been recommended as the preferred governance model for the consolidation of Niagara's public transit system;

AND WHEREAS, the Cummings Principle, enacted through a series of Municipal Transfer Agreements, will be used to guide the transfer, use of, and access to assets and facilities from existing local area municipalities to the Commission;

AND WHEREAS, all existing employees, vendors, contracts, and collective bargaining agreements will be transferred to or assumed by the Commission, in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001* or *Labour Relations Act, 1995*;

AND WHEREAS, a minimum of 2021 transit service hours in local area municipalities will be maintained for a period of five (5) years from the assumption of delivery of service by the Commission, unless otherwise agreed to by the local area municipality;

AND WHEREAS, all existing and incremental transit spending will be transferred to the new Commission, funded through a single Regional tax levy to be enacted over a transfer implementation period of five fiscal (5) years as described in Report LNTC-C 4-2020;

AND WHEREAS, to achieve a net-neutral impact to the regional taxpayer, local transit costs assumed by the Regional tax levy will be offset by equivalent budgetary reductions by the local area municipality;

AND WHEREAS, funding previously committed under inter-governmental programs such as the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) will be maintained and used within the receiving municipality;

AND WHEREAS, support will be sought from senior levels of government for the one-time transition costs associated with consolidation under programs such as the Provincial governments' Safe Restart Agreement;

AND WHEREAS, an integrated single regional fare will be established by the Commission within five (5) years of the assumption of delivery of service by the Commission;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council endorse, in principle, the Full Commission as the recommended governance model for the consolidation of Niagara's public transit system.