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Presentation Topic

Regional Transit

Presentation includes slides

Yes

Previously presented topic

No

Presentation Details

We would like to request that the Public Works committee support the substantial investment in Regional transit and approve the Regional Transit budget as presented. An effective, integrated regional transit system is essential for the mobility of Niagara College's 11,000+ students; for travelling to our campuses, to part-time employment and to businesses across Niagara, contributing significantly to the economy of our region. For more than 10 years, the Niagara College Student Administrative Council (NCSAC) has operated a U-Pass program for the students of Niagara College, which provides universal access to public transportation in Niagara. Through this program, NCSAC invests significantly in Niagara Regional Transit. Prior to the Regional Transit Pilot Program, there were no Regional buses connecting Niagara Falls, Welland, St Catharines, NOTL and other municipalities in the Niagara Region. The NCSAC contracted buses at its own expense to connect municipalities, since the inception of our U-Pass program. As a result of the Dillon Report released in January 2017 and the triple majority accomplished in the summer of 2017, the NCSAC consolidated its chartered transit service in our latest contract negotiations. This resulted in NCSAC shifting its chartered bus services and financial contribution to Regional Transit to increase frequency on regional routes while supporting the creation of a truly amalgamated transit system with one governance system throughout the Niagara Region. The NCSAC would like to discuss and expand on our substantial investment in Niagara Regional Transit over the past 10 years, and demonstrate the importance of a Regional transit system for Niagara College students.

Video Consent

Yes