

GO Implementation Office 1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON L2V 4T7 905-980-6000 Toll-free: 1-800-263-7215

MEMORANDUM

LNTC-C 1-2021

Subject: Niagara Transit Governance – Detailed Phase 1 Consultation Summary

Date: March 31, 2021

To: Linking Niagara Transit Committee

From: Scott Fraser, P.Eng., Transportation Lead - GO Implementation Office

In October 2020 the Linking Niagara Transit Committee (LNTC) considered LNTC-C 4-2020 – Niagara Transit Governance Study, adopting recommendations in support of the Full Commission as the preferred governance model, and requested the 12 local area municipalities (LAMs) consider the presented governance and financial models and provide feedback prior to February 28, 2021.

The purpose of this memorandum is to detail the feedback received from the LAMs throughout this consultation phase. Presentations were made to each Council by the Project Team, supported by the Study consultants through Q1 2021; with formal feedback received from 11 municipalities to date. Following the Project Team presentation to its Council February 9, feedback from the City of Welland is anticipated to be provided in April 2021 and once received, will be incorporated to the process and reported back to the next LNTC upon receipt under separate memo.

As detailed in the parallel presentation, a series of clear themes emerged from the consultation focused on financial strategy, board composition, and future service levels.

This feedback will be used by the expanded Transit Governance Steering Committee as a primary input to the development of revised financial and governance models as well as additional supporting deliverables in advance of a future triple-majority approval.

Respectfully submitted and signed by,

Scott Fraser, P.Eng.

Transportation Lead | GO Implementation Office

Appendix 1 Niagara Transit Governance – Detailed Phase 1 Consultation Summary