

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION**

**AAC 3-2018
Tuesday, September 18, 2018
Committee Room 4
Niagara Region Headquarters
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold ON**

Committee: Joyner, G. Eden (Vice-Chair), I. Greaves, H. Matthews, V. Sparling, C. Theal, D. Whipple (Chair)

Absent/Regrets: Caslin (Regional Chair), B. Kon, D. Hernandez, L. Slade, J. Williams

Staff: K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, S. Murphy, Policy and Sustainability Coordinator, C. Perreault, Web Communications Coordinator, M. Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Project, R. Salewytch, Transit Service Planning Coordinator, J. Spriet, Associate Director, Court Services, J. Wilcox, Operations and Administrative Assistant, Public Health

Others: E. Burt, President, The BTS Network, C. Peddle, Resident, City of Welland

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Whipple called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no items for consideration.

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 Niagara Specialized Transit (NST)

Matt Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Project, provided Committee members with an update on Niagara Specialized Transit. Topics included:

- Why changes to Niagara Specialized Transit were proposed
- Measures taken to maintain current levels of service
- Role of the Accessibility Advisory Committee going forward
- Outlining the Region's communication plan regarding specialized transit

6.1.1 CL-C 58-2019

Memorandum from Carmen D'Angelo, Chief Administrative Office, and Ron Tripp, Commission of Public Works, to Regional Council, dated September 13, 2018, regarding Niagara Specialized Transit (NTS) Program Changes

6.1.2 AAC-C 1-2018

Memorandum from Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee, regarding a Motion from Public Health and Social Services Committee meeting of Thursday, September 4, 2018, regarding Niagara Specialized Transit (NTS)

Moved by G. Eden

Seconded by H. Matthews

That memorandum CL-C 58-2018, dated September 13, 2018, respecting Niagara Specialized Transit Program Changes and memorandum AAC-C 1-2018, dated September 4, 2018, respecting a motion from the Public Health and Social Services Standing Committee meeting of Thursday September 4, 2018, regarding Niagara Specialized Transit (NST), **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That a Niagara Specialized Transit Working Group **BE ESTABLISHED** for the purpose of recommending improvements to specialized transit;
2. That the Niagara Specialized Transit Working Group **CONSIST** of two representatives from the Accessibility Advisory Committee and advocates from the community to act as key stakeholders for the specialized transit services study; and
3. That the working group **BE ESTABLISHED** until the completion of the study.

Moved by H. Matthews
Seconded by Councillor Joyner

That Clause 2 of the motion **BE AMENDED** as follows:

2. That the Niagara Specialized Transit Working Group **CONSIST** of ~~two~~ **three** representatives from the Accessibility Advisory Committee and advocates from the community to act as key stakeholders for the specialized transit services study;

Carried

The Committee Chair called the vote on the motion, as amended, as follows:

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Carried

Moved by Councillor Joyner
Seconded by H. Matthews

That Dan Whipple, Geoff Eden and Ian Greaves, **BE APPOINTED** to the Niagara Specialized Transit Working Group as the Accessibility Advisory Committee representatives.

Carried

6. **CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Moved by G. Eden
Seconded by I. Greaves

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

Five Year Accessibility Plan 2018-2023

AAC 2-2018

Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2018

Carried

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

7.1 **Brock University Co-Op Students**

Steve Murphy, Policy and Sustainability Coordinator, introduced Katie Edwards and Brittney Kindt, fourth year nursing students from Brock University, and advised Committee members that they were continuing accessibility audits on public portions of Niagara Regional Housing multi-family dwellings that were initiated last year.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chair.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Dan Whipple
Committee Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk