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Support for Consolidated Regional Transit

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November 18, 2021 ATT: Niagara Region, Regional Council The FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre located in downtown St. Catharines would like to offer support for a consolidated transit system in Niagara. As a convenor of arts, culture, and creativity, we serve artists, patrons, businesses, educational institutions, and organizations throughout the Niagara Region. One of the pillars of our Strategic Recovery Plan 2022-2024 is to advance the development of, and access to the arts and culture as a

proud and sustainable developer, presenter, supporter, and incubator of talent, creativity, and knowledge building for our diverse community. Benefits of a consolidated transit system: • Allow patrons from across the region more opportunities to attend our events by providing affordable and accessible transportation. • Create more opportunities for current and potential PAC employees, artists, volunteers who live outside of St. Catharines to get to work • As a partner with Brock University's Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing arts, a consolidated transit system will provide students from across the region more convenient access to the PAC. • PAC provides outreach and ImPACT School Programming. Affordable transportation will provide lower-income and more vulnerable community members, equitable access • Expansion and connectivity of GO Transit service to the region. PAC showcases national and international artists through HOT TICKET programming. GO Transit connectivity will bring in tourists and visitors. The FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre is pleased to support a flexible, region-wide transit system. Access to arts and culture will help contribute to the advancement of vibrant, healthy and creative communities throughout the Niagara Region. Regards, Colleen A. Smith, CEO csmith@firstontariopac.ca

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