

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA  
LINKING NIAGARA TRANSIT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**LNTC 5-2021**

**Wednesday, September 29, 2021**

**Council Chamber/Video Conference  
Regional Headquarters, Campbell West  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee Members Present in the Council Chamber: M. Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Office

Committee Members Present via Video Conference: J. Burgess, Chief Administrative Officer (Niagara Falls), Campion (Welland Representative), C. Dabrowski (Niagara Falls Representative), Fertich (Regional Councillor) (Committee Vice-Chair), G. Miller (St. Catharines Representative), D. Oakes, Chief Administrative Officer (St. Catharines), Redekop (Regional Councillor), Sendzik (Regional Councillor), M. Siscoe (St. Catharines Representative - Committee Chair), R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Zalepa (Regional Councillor), S. Zorbas, Chief Administrative Officer (Welland)

Other Councillors Present Via Video Conference: Bradley (Regional Chair)

Absent/Regrets: L. Van Vliet (Welland Representative)

Staff Present in the Council Chamber: S. Fraser, Transportation Lead, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, H. Talbot, Financial & Special Projects Consultant, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, C. Ventura, Legislative Coordinator, B. Zvaniga, Interim Commissioner, Public Works

Staff Present via Video Conference: M. Greenfield, Program Financial Specialist, R. Salewytch, Transit Service Planning Coordinator, L. Tracey, Project Coordinator, GO Implementation

Others Present via Video Conference: C. Briggs, St. Catharines Transit Commission, C. Byford, ATU Local 846, J. Crawley, Brock University, B. Griffin, St. Catharines Transit Commission, S. Jemison, Niagara College Students' Administrative Council, A. Juhardeen, Brock University Students' Union, S. Kosh, Niagara College Students' Administrative Council, V. Malvaso, Niagara College, G. Morrison, St. Catharines Transit Commission, M. Nantel, Niagara College, C. Stout, Niagara Falls Transit, K. Swiatek, Brock University Students' Union

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Vice-Chair Fertich called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1 Common Transit Fare Technology Solution**

Brad Griffin, Manager, Finance and Administration, St. Catharines Transit Commission, provided information respecting Common Transit Fare Technology Solution. Topics of the presentation included:

- What is Common Fare Technology?
- Why Common Fare Technology?
- First Phase of Rollout
- Ticket Purchase & Overview
- Next Phase
- Mobile Ticketing and Fare Technology Timeline

**3.2 Integrating Transit in Niagara - Phase 2 Consultation and Triple Majority Initiation**

Scott Fraser, Transportation Lead, GO Implementation Office, provided information respecting, Integrating Transit in Niagara - Phase 2 Consultation and Triple Majority Initiation. Topics of the presentation included:

- Moving Transit Forward: The Process to Date
- Why Integrate? What a consolidated transit system could mean for Niagara
- Phase 2 Roadshow: Feedback Summary
- Interested Party Information Sessions: September 8 - September 15
- Public Consultation: Project Website + Survey

- The Plan
  - Governance
  - Governance - Recommendation
  - Niagara Service Standards Strategy
- Next Steps: Triple-Majority Process

**4. DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

**5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

5.1 LNTC-C 5-2021

Niagara Transit Governance - Phase 2 Consultation and Triple-Majority Initiation

Moved by Councillor Sendzik  
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Report LNTC-C 5-2021, dated September 29, 2021, respecting Niagara Transit Governance - Phase 2 Consultation Results and Triple-Majority Initiation, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Linking Niagara Transit Committee **ENDORSE** the final financial, governance, and service plan strategies recommended by the Governance Steering Committee and that the strategies reflect feedback received through consultations with the local area municipalities and interested parties; and
2. That the Linking Niagara Transit Committee **RECOMMENDS** that Regional Council direct staff to initiate the formal triple-majority approval process for the purpose of creating a regionally integrated transit system.

**Carried**

**6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

6.1 LNTC-C 6-2021

Common Transit Fare Technology Solution

Moved by Councillor Zalepa  
Seconded by G. Miller

That Correspondence Item LNTC-C 6-2021, being a memorandum from M. Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Office, dated September 29, 2021, respecting Common Transit Fare Technology Solution, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Carried**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items of other business.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

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Councillor Fertich  
Committee Vice-Chair

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Chris Ventura  
Legislative Coordinator

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk