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Memo To: Niagara Regional Council Members

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C/O Niagara Regional Clerk

Re: YMCA of Niagara's support for a Niagara Wide Transportation System

To Regional Council,

We are sending this statement of support for the development of a Niagara Wide Transportation System.

As a regional charity, the YMCA of Niagara provides critical programs and services to people across 12 municipalities throughout the Niagara Region. Many of the people we serve rely on public transportation to access healthcare, employment, education and other critical services every day. We see the value and benefit to developing a seamless, regional transit system. We endorse the pursuit of safe, accessible public transportation for all and support the development of a Niagara Wide Transit System that meets the diverse local needs of each community and builds on the locally invested infrastructure.

Should you wish to connect with the YMCA, Steven Chuang can be reached by email at and/or by phone

Sincerely,

Steven Chuang

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YMCA of Niagara

Building healthy communities