

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

**LNTC 01-2019  
Wednesday, March 6, 2019  
Council Chamber  
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee:           Campion (Mayor – Welland), Fertich (Regional Councillor), G. Miller (Councillor – St. Catharines), L. Van Vilet (Councillor – Welland) (Committee Chair), S. Chemnitz, Chief Administrative Officer (St. Catharines), G. Long, Chief Administrative Officer (Welland), M. Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Office, K. Todd, Chief Administrative Officer (Niagara Falls)

Other Councillors:   Sendzik (Mayor – St. Catharines)

Absent/Regrets:     Diodati (Mayor – City of Niagara Falls), Ip (Regional Councillor), W. Redekop (Mayor – Fort Erie), Dabrowski (Councillor – Niagara Falls), M. Siscoe (Councillor – St. Catharines) (Committee Vice-Chair)

Staff:                S. Brear, Program Financial Analyst, J. Gilston, Legislative Coordinator, K. Ranjan, Transportation Lead, GO Implementation Office, R. Salewytch, Transit Service Planning Coordinator, H. Talbot, Financial & Special Projects Consultant, L. Tracey, Project Coordinator, GO Implementation, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk

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**1.    CALL TO ORDER**

Matthew Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m.

**2.    DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. **SELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

3.1 **Call for Nominations for Committee Chair**

Matthew Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Linking Niagara Transit Committee for a two-year term (2019-2020).

Moved by G. Miller  
Seconded by L. Van Vliet

That M. Siscoe **BE NOMINATED** as Chair of the Linking Niagara Transit Committee for a two-year term (2019-2020).

3.2 **Motion to Close Nominations for Committee Chair**

Matthew Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, called a second and a third time for nominations for the position of Linking Niagara Transit Committee Chair.

There being no further nominations it was:

Moved by Councillor Campion  
Seconded by G. Miller

That nominations for the position of Chair of the Linking Niagara Transit Committee for the 2019-2020 term, **BE CLOSED**.

**Carried**

3.3 **Voting for Position of Committee Chair**

There being only one nominee for the position of Committee Chair, the Deputy Clerk announced that M. Siscoe would be the Linking Niagara Transit Committee Chair for a two-year term (2019-2020).

3.4 **Call for Nominations for Committee Vice-Chair**

Matthew Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Linking Niagara Transit Committee for a (2019-2020).

Moved by Councillor Campion  
Seconded by Councillor Fertich

That L. Van Vliet **BE NOMINATED** as Vice-Chair of the Linking Niagara Transit Committee for a two-year term (2019-2020).

3.5 Motion to Close Nominations for Committee Vice-Chair

Matthew Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, called a second and third time for nominations for the position of Linking Niagara Transit Committee Vice-Chair.

There being no further nominations it was:

Moved by Councillor Campion  
Seconded by G. Miller

That nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Linking Niagara Transit Committee for the 2019-2020 term, **BE CLOSED**.

**Carried**

3.6 Voting for Position of Committee Vice Chair

There being only one nomination for the position of Committee Vice-Chair, the Deputy Clerk announced that L. Van Vliet would be the Linking Niagara Transit Committee Vice-Chair for a two-year term (2019-2020).

At this point in the meeting, L. Van Vliet assumed the chair.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

4.1 Niagara Transit

Matt Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Office, provided information respecting Moving Niagara Transit Forward. Topics of the presentation included:

- Introduction and Definitions
- Overview: Where We've Been
- Inter-Municipal Transit Reporting Structure
- Milestones: What We've Achieved
- Moving Transit Forward: Where We're Going
- Workplan: What's Next
- An Accelerated Path to Connectivity
- Niagara Regional Transit 2019 Budget Strategy and Revenue Outlook
- Provincial Gas Tax Outlook and Opportunity
- Transit Jurisdictional Comparison

5. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

6. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

6.1 **LNTC-C 1-2019**

Rationale for Municipal and Regional Provincial Gas Tax Sharing Through Joint Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) Reporting

Moved by Councillor Fertich  
Seconded by Councillor Campion

That Report LNTC-C 1-2019, dated February 6, 2019, respecting Rationale for Municipal and Regional Provincial Gas Tax Sharing Through Joint Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) Reporting, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Regional Council **AGREE IN PRINCIPLE** that Niagara Region report transit statistics in consolidation with local area municipalities operating smaller transit systems to maximize provincial gas tax (PGT) funding from the Ministry of Transportation Ontario; and
2. That staff **BE AUTHORIZED** to develop agreement terms in consultation with local area municipalities outlining the framework for consolidated reporting and the PGT as well as cost distribution between participating municipalities and Niagara Region.

**Carried**

6.2 **LNTC-C 3-2019**

2019 Meeting Schedule

Moved by G. Miller  
Seconded by Councillor Campion

That Report LNTC-C 3-2019, dated February 6, 2019, respecting 2019 Meeting Schedule, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Linking Niagara Transit Committee Meetings **BE HELD** on Mondays at 2:00 p.m. on the following dates in 2019:

April 24, May 29, June 26, July 24, August 28, September 25, October 23 and November 20.

**Carried**

**7. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Moved by Councillor Campion  
Seconded by G. Miller

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

LNTC-C 4-2019

Linking Niagara Transit Committee - Terms of Reference

LNTC-C 2-2019

A memorandum from M. Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Office, dated February 6, 2019, respecting Inter-Municipal Transit Workplan Update.

**Carried**

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

**8.1 Potential New Coach-Style Bus Showcase**

Matt Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Office and Rob Salewytch, Transit Service Planning Coordinator announced that on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, Niagara Region Transit will showcase a new accessible coach-style bus for the public. The bus will be parked on Academy Street at the St. Catharines Bus Terminal (62-66 Carlisle Street, St. Catharines) from 2 - 4:30 p.m. to collect feedback from the community with respect to its potential use.

**9. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional headquarters.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

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Leo Van Vliet  
Committee Chair

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Matthew Trennum  
Deputy Regional Clerk

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk