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subject
Cuts to Transit budget, for inclusion in agenda

comments

Dear Councillors, Please do not cut the transit budget proposal. In fact you should increase it at least back to the original proposal as something we need to grow, not a place to find savings. Many poor people need transit not just to go to work but to stay connected to their communities. Not investing in the capital needed will eventually lead to either cutting services, raising fares, or not expanding services to meet needs, which will make it nearly impossible to live a basic life for so many of us. I used to live in Niagara Falls and commuted to St. Catharines before there was Regional Transit. It was nearly impossible to do this when I no longer had a car and put me in dangerous situations, and I knew there were many more like me. When Regional Transit came I had an option but it was a two and a half hour commute for just one way, both because the local and Regional systems were not coordinated and also because the lack of service forced a longer route. The amalgamated Regional

Transit needs to be greatly expanded, not constrained and pruned like a Bonsai tree, where it is for show and not allowed to develop to where it is fully functional for riders. Investing more in transit is your opportunity to make life better for so many of us. It's not a luxury but a necessity like water or sewage. Thank you, Saleh Waziruddin in St. Catharines

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