

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

**LNTC 6-2019  
Wednesday, October 23, 2019  
Council Chamber  
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee:           Campion (Mayor – Welland), Fertich (Regional Councillor), Ip (Regional Councillor), W. Redekop (Regional Councillor), G. Miller (Municipal Councillor – St. Catharines), M. Siscoe (Municipal Councillor - St. Catharines), L. Van Vliet (Municipal Councillor – Welland), S. Chemnitz, Chief Administrative Officer (St. Catharines), G. Long, Chief Administrative Officer (City of Welland), M. Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Office, K. Todd, Chief Administrative Officer (City of Niagara Falls), R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer (Niagara Region)

Absent/Regrets:       Sendzik (Mayor – St. Catharines), C. Dabrowski (Municipal Councillor – Niagara Falls)

Staff:                 J. Alcock, Project Coordinator, GO Implementation Office, M. Greenfield, Program Financial Analyst, C. Lam, Program Financial Analyst, K. Ranjan, Transportation Lead GO Implementation Office, R. Salewytch, Program Manager, Transit Services, H. Talbot, Financial & Special Projects Consultant, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk

Others Present:        G. Morrison, St. Catharines Transit, D. Stuart, Welland Transit

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**1.    CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair M. Siscoe called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

**2.    DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

**3.    PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

3.1 Transit Governance Review - Project Scope and Milestones

Arminda Dumpierrez and Yuval Grinspun, Optimus SBR + Left Turn Right Turn, provided information respecting Transit Governance Review: Project Scope and Milestones. Topics of the presentation included:

- About Optimus SBR and Left Turn Right Turn (LTRT)
- Project Context
- Project Mission and Success
- Project Team
- Project Outcomes
- Proposed Timelines

3.2 West Niagara On Demand Expansion Options

Rob Salewytch, Program Manager, Transit Services, provided information respecting West Niagara On-Demand Expansion Options. Topics of the presentation included:

- Background
- Fixed-Route versus On-Demand
- Why Via? Via's Global Presence: Via, ViaVan and Partners
- Via in Canada
- Reports and Shared Data
- Niagara Feasibility Study
- Overview of Simulations
- Inter-municipal Scenarios and Additional Opportunities
- Next Steps

4. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

5. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

There were no items for consideration.

**6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Moved by G. Miller  
Seconded by Councillor Ip

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

LNTC 3-2019

Linking Niagara Transit Committee Minutes May 29, 2019

LNTC 5-2019

Linking Niagara Transit Committee Minutes September 25, 2019

**Carried**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**7.1 Niagara Specialized Transit Drivers**

Matt Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Office, advised concerns had been raised respecting Niagara Specialized Transit (NST) drivers not being paid. He stated Niagara Region's authority to review this matter is limited within the contract with the third party provider, however staff have had open discussions with the provider related to these concerns. Mr. Robinson noted that no NST drivers have lost their jobs as a result of this matter and the Region is meeting all of its contractual obligations with the provider.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 2 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

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M. Siscoe  
Committee Chair

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Matthew Trennum  
Deputy Regional Clerk

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk