

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

**LNTC 1-2020**

**Wednesday, January 29, 2020**

**Council Chamber**

**Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee: Campion (Mayor - Welland), Redekop (Mayor - Fort Erie), Sendzik (Mayor - St. Catharines), Fertich (Regional Councillor), Ip (Regional Councillor); M. Siscoe (Municipal Councillor - St. Catharines) (Committee Chair), L. Van Vliet (Municipal Councillor - Welland) (Committee Vice-Chair); S. Chemnitz, Chief Administrative Officer (St. Catharines), G. Long, Chief Administrative Officer (City of Welland) M. Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Office (Niagara Region), , K. Todd, Chief Administrative Officer (City of Niagara Falls)

Absent/Regrets: C. Dabrowski (Municipal Councillor – Niagara Falls), G. Miller (Municipal Councillor – St. Catharines), R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer (Niagara Region)

Other Councillors: Bradley (Regional Chair)

Staff: M. Evely, Legislative Coordinator, C. Lam, Program Financial Analyst, R. Salewytch, Program Manager, Transit Services, H. Talbot, Financial & Special Projects Consultant, L. Tracey, Project Coordinator, GO Implementation, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk

Others Present: T. Luey, St. Catharines Transit, S. McGean, Township of West Lincoln, G. Morrison, St. Catharines Transit

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair 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**

#### 3.1 **Specialized Transit Study - Final Report and Recommendations**

Steve Wilkes, Project Manager, IBI Group, provided information respecting Specialized Transit Study - Final Report and Recommendations. Topics of the presentation included:

- Guiding Principles
- Recommendations
  - Eligibility and Certification
  - Reservations & Scheduling
  - Policies, Procedures, and Performance Metrics
  - Service Delivery
  - Greater Link/Integration Fixed Route Transit Services
  - Same-Day Pilot Program
  - Technology
- Growth Strategy/Financial Plan
- Implementation Plan

### 4. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

### 5. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

#### 5.1 **LNTC-C 2-2020**

Specialized Transit Study Report

Moved by Councillor Ip

Seconded by L. Van Vliet

That Report LNTC-C 2-2020, dated January 29, 2020, respecting Specialized Transit Study Report, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the recommendations of the Specialized Transit in Niagara Region study, as described in Report LNTC-C 2-2020, **BE ENDORSED**; and
2. That a copy of Report LNTC-C 2-2020 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities.

**Carried**

**6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Moved by Councillor Redekop  
Seconded by Councillor Campion

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

LNTC-C 1-2020  
Fare Technology Update

LNTC-C 3-2020  
Accessibility Advisory Committee Endorsement of Niagara Specialized Transit  
Draft Report

**Carried**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**7.1 Additional Linking Niagara Transit Committee Meetings**

Committee Chair M. Siscoe advised committee that an additional meeting of the Linking Niagara Transit Committee will be held on March 4, 2020. He advised that, the Linking Niagara Transit Committee meeting to be held on April 4, 2020 would be rescheduled to April 22, 2020. He noted this revised schedule allows for alignment with key project milestones of the governance review and the Inter-Municipal Transit West deployment.

**7.2 Transit Fares for Niagara College Students**

Councillor Sendzik requested an update respecting the renegotiation of student transit fares with Niagara College. Matt Robinson, Director, GO Implementation Project, advised that staff from the Niagara Region and Niagara College have had on-going discussions respecting student transit fares and there is a draft agreement in place.

**7.3 Availability of Niagara Specialized Transit**

Councillor Sendzik brought forward a concern from the Alzheimer's Society of Niagara respecting the technology issues being experienced by Niagara Specialized Transit, such as lost bookings. Rob Salewysch, Program Manager, Transit Services, stated that staff have not been advised of any concerns from the Alzheimer's Society of Niagara; however, there are on-going discussions with the service operator to find solutions to any system error and service users experiencing any issues are encouraged to contact staff.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

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Mat Siscoe  
Committee Chair

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Mark Evely  
Legislative Coordinator

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Matthew Trennum  
Deputy Regional Clerk

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk