
Subject: Intra-municipal Transit Fees

Report to: Regional Council

Report date: Thursday, June 25, 2020

Recommendations

1. That the Intra-municipal transit fees in CSD 43-2020 **BE APPROVED**; and
2. That the necessary by-law **BE PRESENTED** to Council for consideration.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to add Intra-municipal transit fees to the 2020 Fees and Charges by-law.
- At its meeting held on November 5, 2019, Public Works Committee approved PW 60-2019, a report outlining the on-demand transit concept for NRT service expansion pilots and authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer to execute an agreement with Via Mobility LLC to deploy on-demand transit service in West Niagara.
- At its meeting held on December 12, 2019, Regional Council approved Bill 2019-100, a by-law to establish fees and charges for services and activities provided by The Regional Municipality of Niagara and for the use of its property.
- The contract with Via Mobility LLC was not signed until February 2020 and therefore related fees could not be included in the original by-law.
- Following the resolution of a delay related to COVID-19, the pilot service is anticipated to begin August 17, 2020; as such, intra-municipal transit fees are now required.

Financial Considerations

Funding for the on-demand pilot project was included as part of program change IMT-01 in the Council-approved 2020 operating budget.

Analysis

Regional Council approved report PW 60-2019 in November 2019 which outlined the on-demand transit concept for NRT service expansion pilots for Niagara West (Grimsby,

Lincoln, West Lincoln, Pelham, and Wainfleet). It also authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to execute an agreement with Via Mobility LLC to deploy on-demand transit service. As per the June 2020 memorandum CWCD 159-2020, since the contract was executed in February 2020, project staff have been working with Via and local partners on the detailed logistics plan and roll-out of this pilot service.

The integrated services model approved in PW 60-2019 permits riders to take both inter-municipal (between municipalities) and intra-municipal (within municipalities) transit trips. The intra-municipal trips are only available to those municipalities that opted into participation by making a financial contribution and include Pelham, Lincoln, and Grimsby. The existing 2020 Fees and Charges bylaw includes inter-municipal transit fees but, until this pilot service, the fee schedule did not contemplate intra-municipal fees.

In anticipation of the service launch date of August 17, 2020, staff are requesting an amendment to the by-law to include a section for the intra-municipal transit component. The fees are as follows and align with the Inter-municipal Transit Working Group's integrated fare strategy:

Fee/Charge Description	Unit of Measure	2019 Fee/Charge (\$)	2020 Base Fee/Charge (\$)	HST (\$)	2020 Total Fee/Charge (\$)	Tax Implication
Intra-Municipal Transit:						
Adults Cash Fare	each	-	3.00	-	3.00	Exempt
Seniors (65+) Cash Fare	each	-	3.00	-	3.00	Exempt
Elementary (6+) / High School Students Cash Fare	each	-	3.00	-	3.00	Exempt
Child (0-5) Cash Fare	each	-	No Charge	-	No Charge	Exempt
Adults 10-ride Card	each	-	27.00	-	27.00	Exempt
Seniors (65+) 10-ride Card	each	-	22.50	-	22.50	Exempt

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Elementary (6+) / High School Students 10-ride Card	each	-	22.50	-	22.50	Exempt
Adults Monthly Pass	each	-	85.00	-	85.00	Exempt
Seniors (65+) Monthly Pass	each	-	65.00	-	65.00	Exempt
Elementary (6+) / High School Students Monthly Pass	each	-	65.00	-	65.00	Exempt

Alternatives Reviewed

Council could choose not to proceed with the amendment; however, since the pilot and budget were previously approved, a contract executed with the provider, and fleet vehicles scheduled for delivery, this is not recommended.

Relationship to Council Strategic Priorities

The IMT Service Implementation Strategy directly aligns with the Council Strategic Priority: Responsible Growth and Infrastructure Planning (Objective 3.1) through advancing regional transit and GO rail services and facilitating the movement of people and goods.

Other Pertinent Reports

- Bill 2019-100 A by-law to establish fees and charges for services and activities provided by The Regional Municipality of Niagara and for the use of its property and to repeal By-law 2019-28
- CSD 72-2019 2020 Fees and Charges By-law
- CSD 78-2019 2020 Levy Operating Budget

- PW 60-2019 On-Demand Transit – Pilot Authorization (Simulation Results)
- CWCD 159-2020 Update on West Niagara On-Demand Transit Deployment

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Appendices

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