

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes
Council Report

Report Number CAO2018-003

Date: March 20, 2018
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: Council Chambers

Ward Community Identifier: all

Subject: Transit Council Resolution CR2018-045 – Clarification

Author Name and Title: Ron Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer

Recommendation(s):

That Report CAO2018-003, Transit Council Resolution CR2018-045 – Clarification, be received.

Department Head:_____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other:_____

Chief Administrative Officer:_____

Background:

At the Council Meeting of January 30, 2018, Council adopted the following resolution:

Community Transportation Grant Application

Todd Bryant, Manager of Fleet and Transit Services

CR2018-045

Moved By Councillor Junkin

Seconded By Councillor Miller

That Report TR2018-003, **Community Transportation Grant Application**, be received; and

That the City review the need for transit in 2023.

CARRIED

At the Council Meeting of February 13, 2018, Council adopted the following resolution:

Lindsay Transit Master Plan

Todd Bryant Manager Fleet and Transit

CR2018-072

Moved By Councillor James

Seconded By Councillor Breadner

That Report TR2018-001, **Lindsay Transit Master Plan**, be received;

That Council approve the recommendations of the draft “The City of Kawartha Lakes Lindsay Transit Master Plan 2018” report as outlined in Appendix A to Report TR2018-001;

That Staff be authorized to place the Master Plan report on the City website for public review; and

That Staff be directed to update the Capital Asset Management Plan based on the recommendations in the Master Plan.

Carried

At this same meeting, Councillor Elmslie questioned if approving the Lindsay Transit Master Plan was in conflict with Council Resolution CR2018-045.

This report is provided to clarify the intent of Council Resolution CR2018-045.

Rationale:

Council Resolution CR2018-045 states that “the City review the need for transit in 2023.” This resolution was passed as part of consideration for pursuing a provincial community transportation grant application for an unidentified rural transit project. Staff provided information to Council to advise of the grant opportunity, and Council decided not to pursue the grant at that time due to fund limitations and lack of a rural transit project plan (and recent discontinuance of a previous rural transit pilot program).

Subsequently, on February 13, 2018 Council considered and approved recommendations contained within the updated City of Kawartha Lakes Transit Master Plan 2018. Councillor Elmslie questioned if approving these recommendations was in conflict with previous Council Resolution CR2018-045.

Councillor Junkin (the mover of Resolution CR2018-045) clarified that it was his understanding that:

- The intent of the Resolution was to limit implementation of a rural transit program to 2023 or beyond;
- That Resolution CR2018-045 was passed within the context of rural transit program and funding considerations; and
- That the updated Transit Master Plan would be recommending implementation of any rural or regional transit expansion programs to 2023 and beyond.

Council, by approving the recommendations contained in the Transit Master Plan 2018, in effect clarified its intent respecting review and implementation of rural transit expansion programs.

Council, staff and community transit stakeholders should continue to review rural transit program options. Included in Council’s Resolution CR2018-072 respecting the Transit Master Plan 2018 was that “staff be directed to update the Capital Asset Management Plan based on the recommendations in the Master Plan.”

The Asset Management Plan will be updated to forecast and accommodate financial implications of the approved Transit Master Plan, including provision for possible rural transit expansion programs.

Other Alternatives Considered:

Council could choose to rescind Resolution CR2018-045 (that would require a two-thirds majority vote). Council could then rely on Resolution CR2018-072 (Transit Master Plan 2018) as direction respecting future rural transit programming.

Council could also choose to pass a new Resolution further clarifying and/or providing direction respecting rural transit. This is not recommended as CR2018-072 provides sufficient guidance and intent respecting rural transit programs.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

N/A

Relationship of Recommendation(s) to the 2016-2019 Strategic Plan:

Transit and alternative transportation options contribute to all of Council's stated goals, namely:

- Goal 1 – A Vibrant and Growing Economy
- Goal 2 – An Exceptional Quality of Life
- Goal 3 – A Healthy Environment

The City of Kawartha Lakes Transit Master Plan 2018 provides a clear and effective 10-year blueprint for transit programming, planning and implementation.

Consultations:

Councillors Junkin, Miller and Elmslie
City Clerk
Manager of Fleet and Transit Services

Attachments:

N/A

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