

# **The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes**

## **Council Report**

**Report Number Transit 2017-003**

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**Date:** July 11, 2017

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.

**Place:** Council Chambers

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**Ward Community Identifier:** 9,10,11,12

**Subject:** Lindsay Transit Hub Re-location

**Author Name and Title:** Todd Bryant Manager of Fleet and Transit

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### **Recommendation(s):**

**RESOLVED THAT** Report Transit 2017-003, Lindsay **Transit Hub Re-location Report**, be received;

**THAT** a new Transit Hub be built using current Public Transit Infrastructure Funding on the south east corner of Victoria Ave and Kent St;

**THAT** the current Transit Hub located on the south east corner of William St and Kent St. be removed;

**THAT** Council authorizes the removal of six parking spots at the south east corner of Victoria Ave and Kent St. prior to August 1, 2017 to accommodate the new Transit Hub;

**THAT** staff make the necessary modifications to Lindsay Transit routes and schedules to accommodate this change; and

**THAT** the route changes take effect on September 1, 2017.

**Department Head:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Financial/Legal/HR/Other:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Chief Administrative Officer:**\_\_\_\_\_

## **Background:**

Lindsay Transit has been in operation since 1977 and LIMO Specialized Transit since 1979. Transit ridership, over the past five years, has continued to increase for Lindsay Transit to 94,512 and LIMO Specialized Transit to 13,623 rides respectively for 2016. This is a 2.9% overall increase from 2015.

The Transit Advisory Board (TAB) was established by Council in 2013. At the Transit Advisory Board meeting of June 22, 2017 the following resolution was discussed and passed.

### **Moved by Michelle Murphy Ward and Seconded by Norm Price**

To slightly modify transit routes to facilitate relocation of the Transit Hub to Victoria Avenue South between Cambridge Street East and Kent Street West and to locate the new updated PTIF supplemented Transit Hub equipment at this location.

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This report addresses that direction.

## **Rationale:**

In Report Transit 2017-001, Council approved a new capital project (994172401) be approved with a budget of \$100,000 for the Design and Construction of a new transit hub in downtown Lindsay, that the funding be approved as \$50,000 from Public Transit Infrastructure Funding (PTIF) and \$50,000 from the Dedicated Transit Reserve Fund. Staff is ready to commence this project.

Lindsay Transit during the month of April conducted a Transit Survey on line and in the buses. There were 199 responses. This statistically significant response from riders, non-riders and members of the public revealed a desire to move the Lindsay Transit hub from its current location on the southeast corner of William St. and Kent St to the southeast corner of Victoria Ave. and Kent St. Reasons given for the movement of the Hub included that the Transit Hub needed a safer location, more space, closer to the park and Service Center and relief of traffic congestion at the current location. This recommendation was discussed and passed at the June 22, 2017 meeting of the Transit Advisory Board. With staff preparing to procure the design and construction of a new transit hub, this timely action will allow PTIF funding to be used to erect a new transit hub at the South east corner of Victoria St. and Kent St.

The movement of the transit hub will require that staff remove the six parking spots on the southeast corner of Victoria St. and Kent St to be used for bus loading and unloading. Staff will also make the necessary minor modifications to the Red, Green and Blue routes to accommodate this modification. It is

anticipated that these modifications to the routes will take effect on September 1, 2017.

Transit staff will use the local newspapers, City websites, twitter other media outlets to communicate these changes to minimize the effects on its riders.

### **Other Alternatives Considered:**

Council could choose to keep the transit hub at the current location, however for the reasons supporting the relocation of the hub Staff do not support this alternative. No other alternatives are being considered at this time.

### **Financial/Operation Impacts:**

There will be no additional financial impacts as the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund provides a grant of \$229,145 of which is cost shared 50% with the City. In Report Number Transit 2017-001, Council approved a new capital project (994172401) be approved with a budget of \$100,000 for the Design and Construction of a new transit hub in downtown Lindsay.

### **Relationship of Recommendation(s) To The 2016-2019 Strategic Plan:**

The movement of the Lindsay Transit Hub will strongly endorse all of the goals in the Strategic Plan:

- A Vibrant and Growing Economy. A healthy transit system enables commuters to get to work, school and activities that support the growth of our City.
- An Exceptional Quality of Life. Affordable public transit assists the general well-being of residents and customers promoting activity health, education and employment.
- A Healthy Environment. Utilizing transit promotes active transportation and builds ridership.

### **Review of Accessibility Implications of Any Development or Policy:**

All legal requirements as legislated within Regulation 191/11 made under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 are met by Lindsay Transit and LIMO Specialized Transit. Lindsay Transit continues to strive for Service Excellence when providing transportation services to the residents of the City of Kawartha Lakes and will continue to consult all users including people with disabilities to ensure that future service excellence are maintained.

**Consultations:**

Transit Advisory Board

Transit Supervisor

Accessibility Officer

Manager, Municipal Law Enforcement

**Attachments:**

None.

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**Department File:** Lindsay Transit Hub Re-location

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