

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

Council Report

Report Number Transit 2017-001

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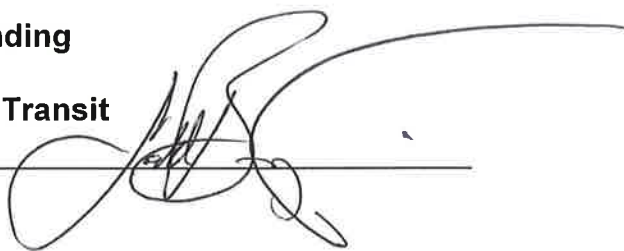
Place: Council Chambers

Ward Community Identifier: 9,10,11,12

Subject: Public Transit Infrastructure Funding

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Recommendation(s):

RESOLVED THAT Report Transit 2017-001, Public Transit Infrastructure Funding, be received;

THAT it be recognized that the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF) Phase One (Ontario) has agreed to make a contribution to the City of Kawartha Lakes in respect to Transit Upgrades and Improvements; and

THAT it be recognized that the above noted contribution will be equal to 50% of the eligible cost, up to a maximum of \$229,145; and

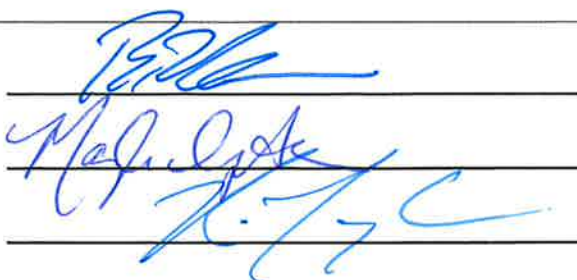
THAT capital project (928170201) installation and implementation of Intelligent Scheduling Software for LIMO Specialized Transit be expanded and approved in an amount of \$150,000, that the funding be approved as \$75,000 from Public Transit Infrastructure Funding and \$75,000 from the Dedicated Transit Reserve Fund; and

THAT capital project (994172101) for the design and construction of accessibility conversions for 27 existing bus stops be expanded and approved in the amount of \$100,290; that the funding be approved as \$50,145 from Public Transit Infrastructure Funding and \$50,145 from the Dedicated Transit Reserve Fund; and

Department Head:

Corporate Services Director / Other:

Chief Administrative Officer:



THAT 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 and \$50,000 from the Dedicated Transit Reserve Fund; and

THAT a new capital project (994172402) be approved with a budget of \$108,000 for the Replacement of up to 18 transit shelters to meet Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act requirements that the funding be approved as \$54,000 from Public Transit Infrastructure Funding and \$54,000 from the Dedicated Transit Reserve Fund.

Background:

The governments of Canada and Ontario are making investments to create jobs and grow the middle class, while building a foundation for a strong, sustainable economic future. Investing in public infrastructure supports efficient and affordable transit services that help Canadians to safely get to and from work, school and other activities on time.

On February 10, 2017, the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, on behalf of the Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, the Honourable Steven Del Duca, Ontario Minister of Transportation announced four newly approved projects that will benefit the City of Kawartha Lakes through Lindsay Transit under the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF). The federal government is providing up to 50 per cent of funding for these projects—just over \$32.4 million. Lindsay Transit's portion of this funding amounts to \$229,145.

This report addresses the funding request.

Rationale:

In September of 2016, the City of Kawartha Lakes applied for Public Transit Infrastructure Funding (PTIF). This funding is part of the first phase of Investing in Canada, the Government of Canada's plan to support public infrastructure across the country. This Federal program aims to provide more than \$180 billion in infrastructure funding over 12 years for public transit, green infrastructure, social infrastructure and transportation that supports trade.

The federal government announced on February 10, 2017 that it is providing up to 50 per cent of funding for these projects in the grant, up to a total PTIF grant of \$229,145. The four projects that were applied for are:

- Procurement, installation and implementation - Intelligent Scheduling Software for LIMO Specialized Transit \$75,000

- Design and construction of a new transit hub in downtown Lindsay-\$50,000
- Replacement of up to 18 transit shelters to meet Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act requirements (AODA)-\$54,000
- Design and construction of accessibility conversions for 27 existing bus stops-\$50,145

The other 50% of the projects funding can come from the Dedicated Provincial Gas Tax Fund through a resolution of Council. The four projects listed are of high priority and have been discussed and supported with the Transit Advisory Board's Budget Working group.

Project 1 is the procurement, installation and implementation of Scheduling Software for LIMO Specialized Transit. Scheduling software enables consumers to book appointments for Specialized Transit services in a timely and efficient manner and will enhance ridership. It is a critical tool for customer convenience, appointment schedules and adding efficiency and volume. LIMO Specialized Transit is currently approaching capacity in its current format of manual scheduling. This automated service will provide staff the capability to create and track appointments to the minute through GPS destinations. It will communicate directly with the driver through a display directing the LIMO to the next call, destination and time. It could also use the web, text messaging and mobile apps to give customers and employees access to the schedule from anywhere. It will also add scheduling capacities without adding equipment costs. Passengers will notice the benefits of having this service as it will allow greater access and more timely appointments. Drivers and staff will benefit as their appointment schedule will be organized and prompt.

Project 2 is the replacement of the current Transit Hub. The current hub located at the south east corner of William and Kent in Lindsay is outdated, in need of rehabilitation and does not have hydro. The installation will provide a rest area and additional customer security, as well as adding customer conveniences such as "Next Bus" digital display service and a token machine. This shelter will also meet OADA requirements and blend in with the fabric of downtown Lindsay.

Project 3 is the replacement of up to 18 existing shelters. Lindsay Transit currently has 27 shelters situated though out Lindsay. The proposal is the replacement of up to 18 shelters that are outdated, old or in need of major repairs. Some existing shelters also do not meet the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) requirements. These replacements will contribute to the goal of full accessibility by 2025.

Project 4 is the addition of cement pads at designated bus stops. The city currently has 167 bus stops with 140 meeting AODA requirements. The remaining 27 stops require extensive work and engineering to meet the AODA requirements.

	Federal PTIF	Provincial Gas Tax
Scheduling Software for LIMO Specialized Transit	\$75,000	\$75,000
Transit Hub	\$50,000	\$50,000
Replacement of up to 18 existing shelters	\$54,000	\$54,000
Cement pads at bus stops	\$50,145	\$50,145
Total	\$229,145	\$229,145

Other Alternatives Considered:

No alternatives are being considered by staff as this grant will provide needed funds to execute the recommended and required works resulting in the ability to reallocate gas tax money to other needs.

Financial Considerations:

The 2017 Capital Budget to be increased to include the two additional projects. The Public Transit Infrastructure Fund provides a grant of \$229,145 of which is cost shared 50% with the City. Two projects already approved and two new projects identified to capitalize on all funding available to the City.

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

This PTIF grant 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 this grant 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:

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