

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

Committee of the Whole Report

Report Number TR2019-005

Meeting Date: Tuesday November 5, 2019

Title: Disbanding of Transit Advisory Committee

Description: Transferring Transit reporting to the Transportation Group of the Kawartha Lakes Accessibility Advisory Committee

Ward Number: Wards 5 and 7

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Recommendation(s):

That Report TR2019-005 **Disbanding of the Transit Advisory Committee** be received;

That the Transit Advisory Committee be disbanded and the related Terms of Reference rescinded;

That Transit Staff work with Transportation Working Group of the Kawartha Lakes Accessibility Advisory Committee; and

That this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Department Head:_____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other:_____

Chief Administrative Officer:_____

Background:

At the Transit Advisory Committee Meeting (TAC) of Thursday October 10, 2019 the TAC adopted the following resolution:

It was Moved by Norm Price and Seconded by Lynda DaSilva,

THAT the Transit Advisory Committee be disbanded; and

THAT Staff work directly with the Transportation Group of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

This report addresses that direction.

Rationale:

Lindsay Transit has been in operation since 1977. For the past seven year's ridership on both modes of transit, Lindsay Transit and LIMO Specialized Transit have continued to increase ridership. Transit operations follows the Council adopted Transit Master Plan and Council direction regarding Lindsay Transit Capital and Operating budgets and growth strategy.

The TAC has had difficulty recruiting membership for the past several years, and on many occasions, has been unable to meet quorum. The current membership of the TAC has confidence that Lindsay Transit would be better served working with the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC).

The Transportation Working Group of the AAC has been consulted in bus design for Lindsay Transit, participated in the formation of the Lindsay Transit Master Plan and continues to provide ideas and opinions for transportation and transit decision makers. Staff also has confidence in that the AAC transportation working group is a workable solution that could be of benefit transit riders. The AAC terms of reference fit well with Transit goals, specifically:

- a) Provide advice to Council and City Staff, as appropriate, regarding accessibility issues and concerns; and
- b) Perform all other functions that are specified in the regulations. 2005, c. 11, s. 29 (4).

Under this new reporting plan, the AAC would provide advice to Lindsay Transit and Lindsay Transit would regularly consult with the AAC working group and report activities annually to the AAC.

The AAC will monitor the delivery of service to residents by periodic review of ridership information and monitor the progress on the Lindsay Transit Master Plan. The AAC would not be reviewing Capital or Operating budgets.

Other Alternatives Considered:

Council could consider remaining status quo and not dissolve the Transit Advisory Committee. No other alternatives are being considered at this time.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

There are no financial implications to this recommendation

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

This Report is in alignment with the City's Strategic Plan with respect to effective transit management services.

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 Committee
Accessibility Coordinator
Director Public Works

Attachments:



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