

**MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Member Inquiry-Request to Metrolinx re: GO Bus Connection to the St. Catharines Downtown Terminal**

**Date: February 18, 2025**

**To: Niagara Transit Commission Board**

**From: Jordan Hambleton, Manager, Corporate Administration**

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At the November board meeting staff was asked to provide more background on a future request to Metrolinx to switch their GO Bus connection from Fairview Mall to the St. Catharines downtown terminal.

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Operations team received an email from Metrolinx advising that they were reviewing options to potentially serve downtown St. Catharines in or around the downtown bus terminal beginning in spring 2025. They requested a platform to serve within the terminal and staff provided one.

Subsequently, Metrolinx conducted their test on December 17<sup>th</sup> and advised Niagara Transit staff on January 8<sup>th</sup> that they were planning to begin service to the downtown terminal while still maintaining the existing service to Fairview Mall. An official start date is not yet public, but staff is able to provide more information in-camera, should the Board wish.

Staff will work with Metrolinx and prepare communications in keeping with any changes to scheduling and connections with GO services.

Respectfully submitted and signed by



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