

Dec 10, 2024

Niagara Transit Commission
2012 First Street Louth
St. Catharine's, ON
L2S 3V9

Dear Mr. Jordan Hamilton, Manager, Corporate Administration:

Re: Niagara Region Transit Expansion of Localized Transit Services

This is to confirm that at the Dec 9, 2024 Council Meeting the following resolution was adopted with respect to the above noted matter:

WHEREAS The Township of West Lincoln has secured a recent urban boundary expansion;

WHEREAS The Township of West Lincoln is expecting unprecedented growth;

WHEREAS the population of The Township of West Lincoln is approximately 16,500, and is expected to grow to over 39,000 by 2051;

WHEREAS the largest portion of that growth will be in Urban Centre of Smithville;

WHEREAS The Township of West Lincoln is the largest municipality by geographic area in the Niagara Region;

WHEREAS it was agreed upon by local area municipalities and the Regional Municipality of Niagara, through the Triple Majority process in the establishment of the Niagara Transit Commission and in the adoption of the Niagara Service Standards Strategy, that Niagara Transit would plan for and work towards all local municipalities receiving transit services fairly and equitably;

WHEREAS there is a growing demand from West Lincoln residents for local transit services;

WHEREAS The Township of West Lincoln's growing commercial, industrial, and agricultural industries offer stable and reliable employment opportunities at competitive wages where a reliable and routinely planned transit system could connect job seekers from all across The Region of Niagara.

WHEREAS Small businesses located in West Lincoln including but not limited to; restaurants, shopping centres, leisure & recreation industries, and specialized professional

services being the core of every developing community would benefit from a reliable and routinely planned local transit system;

WHEREAS Niagara Region & the Province of Ontario are the economical drivers in our community and they rely on transit to commute;

WHEREAS many of the residents who are moving to West Lincoln are accustomed to utilizing local transit;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED The Township of West Lincoln Council requests that the Niagara Transit Board provide, through the 2025 Transit Master Plan process, a local transit plan for West Lincoln that includes:

- A plan for local transit for West Lincoln which includes commingled specialty services and/or the addition of networked conventional service based on warrant, demand and ridership; and
- Notice of any corresponding increase in service hours and the cost for the local municipality through the budget process when and if additional local services are planned; and
- A timeline for the introduction of any local service enhancement; and
- That a copy of the final 2025 Transit Master Plan be brought by Niagara Transit staff to a future local council or committee meeting

If any further information is required, please contact the undersigned at 905-957-3346, Ext 5129.

Yours Truly,



Justin J. Paylove

Director of Legislative Service/Clerk

cc. Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk
Town of Lincoln
Town of Grimsby
Town of Pelham
Town of NOTL
Township of Wainfleet