

NIAGARA TRANSIT COMMISSION PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

NTCPAC 2-2025

July 14, 2025

Committee Room 4

In-Person and Electronic Meeting

Niagara Region Headquarters - Campbell West Entrance

1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold

Committee Members: M. Anees*, H. Chesshire*, L. Hay*, G. Hillhouse, T. Hounsell, S. Kosh*, H. Levine, S. Lord, G. McIlhone (Committee Chair), N. Rodrigues*, A. Romeo*

Non-Voting Member: C. Stout, General Manager

Absent/Regrets: M. Alba, W. Barnes, J. Jessop

Staff: E. Braniff, Supervisor, Specialty Services, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, J. Spratt, Legislative Coordinator, L. Tracey, Communications Consultant

*indicates participants who attended the meeting electronically,
all other participated in person

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair McIlhone called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Committee Chair McIlhone read the Land Acknowledgement Statement

3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. SELECTION OF COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR

4.1 Call for Nominations for Committee Vice Chair

Committee Chair McIlhone called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Niagara Transit Commission Public Advisory Committee for the remainder of this term of Council (2025-2026), as Carleigh Charlton's term as Vice President of University Affairs for the Brock University Student Union has ended and Natalia Rodrigues is now filling the role.

Moved by T. Hounsell
Seconded by H. Levine

That Gavin Hillhouse **BE NOMINATED** as Vice Chair of the Niagara Transit Commission Public Advisory Committee for the remainder of this term of Council (2025-2026).

4.2 Motion to Close Nominations for Committee Vice Chair

Committee Chair McIlhone called a final time for nominations for the position of Niagara Transit Commission Public Advisory Committee Vice Chair, there being no further nominations it was:

Moved by T. Hounsell
Seconded by H. Levine

That nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Niagara Transit Commission Public Advisory Committee for the remainder of this term of Council, **BE CLOSED**.

Carried

4.3 Voting for the Position of Committee Vice Chair

There being only one nominee for the position of Committee Vice Chair, Committee Chair McIlhone announced that Gavin Hillhouse would be the Niagara Transit Commission Public Advisory Committee Vice Chair for the remainder of this term of Council (2025-2026).

5. **DELEGATIONS**

5.1 Rapid Transit Infrastructure Proposal

Andrew Warriner, Student, Brock University, appeared before Committee and expressed the need for large investments to public transportation, the importance of reliable and effective transit and the benefit of exploring an intra-municipal streetcar system.

6. **PRESENTATIONS**

6.1 Niagara Transit Master Plan - 10-Year Investment and Growth Strategy

Pia Dimayuga, Engagement and Accessibility Lead, and Graham Hauptman, Transit Analyst, Left Turn Right Turn Ltd., provided information respecting Niagara Transit Master Plan - 10-Year Investment and Growth Strategy. Topics of the presentation included:

- Community Engagement
- Reimagining Transit in Niagara
- Service Outcomes

- Service Types and Standards
- Service Integration
- Implementation Summary
- Regional Network Evolution
- Local Network Evolution
- Benefits of the Plan

7. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no items for consideration.

8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Moved by G. Hillhouse
Seconded by S. Kosh

That the following items **BE RECEIVED** for information:

NTC-C 4-2025
Niagara Transit+ Specialized Transit Eligibility Policy

NTCPAC-C 5-2025
NTCPAC 2025 Workplan Information Documents

Minutes NTC 1-2025
Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Minutes NTC 2-2025
Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Minutes NTC 3-2025
Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Minutes NTC 4-2025
Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Minutes NTC PAC 1-2025
Tuesday, February 10, 2025

Carried

Committee Information Request(s):

Provide previously circulated Committee orientation materials and the General Managers 2024 Annual Report. Member H. Levine.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of other business.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 6, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in Committee Room 4, Regional Headquarters.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Gerry McIlhone
Committee Chair

Jenna Spratt
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk