



Subject: Transit Agreement to December 2021

To: Council

From: Corporate Services Department

Report Number: 2021-167

Meeting Date: June 14, 2021

Recommendation:

That Corporate Services Department Report 2021-167 be received;

That the transit agreement with the City of Welland attached as Appendix A of Corporate Services Department Report 2021-167, be approved; and

That a by-law to enter into a transit agreement with the City of Welland be brought forward.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to enter into an agreement for transit services with the City of Welland until December 31, 2021.

Background:

On January 11, 2021 through Report 2021-15 Council approved a move to OnDemand Transit services in partnership with the Niagara Region. Inherently, the model change was intended to coincide with ongoing transit governance discussions within the Niagara Region. It is staff's understanding that the Niagara Region will be before Council later this summer/early fall with an update and potential decision points.

As denoted in Report 2021-15 the City of Port Colborne's agreement with the City of Welland has expired. While Report 2021-15 identified a proposed start date around June 2021, a subsequent Report 2021-31 identified this potential start date may be better aligned with a December 31, 2021 date.

Discussion:

In recognition of the ongoing transit governance discussion taking place among the Niagara Region and local area municipalities, staff recommend a transit agreement between the City of Port Colborne (the “City”) and the City of Welland be established.

The attached agreement (Appendix A) is a new agreement that follows the format of previous agreements. The agreement would take the City to December 31, 2021.

This extended agreement will provide additional time for ongoing discussions with the Niagara Region regarding OnDemand, the City of Welland regarding current operations, and local area municipalities regarding transit governance.

Staff continue to thank the City of Welland staff for their continued cooperation in providing this service.

Financial Implications:

No change in budgeted funding is required with this recommendation.

Conclusion:

That the transit agreement with the City of Welland attached in Appendix A of Corporate Services Report 2021-167, be approved.

Appendices:

- a. Transit Agreement PC 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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Report Approval:

All reports reviewed and approved by the Department Director and also the City Treasurer when relevant. Final approval is by the Chief Administrative Officer.