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Area Municipal Clerks

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

**RE: Niagara Region's Transit Service Delivery and Governance Strategy
Minute Item 6.1, CL 4-2017, March 23, 2017**

Regional Council at its Special Council meeting held on March 23, 2017, passed the following resolution:

That Report CAO 8-2017, dated March 23, 2017, respecting Niagara Region's Transit Service Delivery and Governance Strategy **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Niagara Regional Council **ENDORSE IN PRINCIPLE** the creation of a consolidated public transit system in partnership with the City of Niagara Falls, St. Catharines Transit Commission, the City of Welland, and the Region of Niagara in order to develop a regionally integrated transit system;
2. That Regional Council **ADOPT** a Bill to provide Niagara Council with the non-exclusive authority to establish, operate and maintain an inter-municipal passenger transportation system for the Region, and such Bill, if adopted, to come into force and effect on June 1, 2017, provided that:
 - a. a majority of the councils of the local area municipalities pass resolutions consenting to the Bylaw; and,
 - b. the total number of electors in the local municipalities that have passed resolutions in support of the Bill form a majority of all electors in the Region of Niagara as established in the revised list of electors for the municipal election held in the year 2014.
3. That, subject to the adoption of the aforementioned Bill, a copy of the Bill and Report CAO 8-2017 **BE FORWARDED** to the clerks of the 12 local area municipalities with a request that their councils adopt the following resolution and advise the Regional Clerk of the results of that consideration, no later than May 31, 2017:

"That the Council of (name of municipality) consents to the passage of By-law No. 2017-21 of the Regional Municipality of Niagara, being a by-law to provide Niagara Region with the non-exclusive authority to establish, operate and

maintain an inter-municipal passenger transportation system for the Niagara Region.”

4. That Niagara Regional Council **DIRECT** staff to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, Welland and Niagara Region in the development of a governance framework and specify how key issues are to be addressed by all parties along with next steps and timelines;
5. That Council **SUPPORT** the formation of the Transit Working Group, with representatives from the twelve (12) Local Area Municipalities and the Region of Niagara, to work towards the implementation of the operational improvements outlined in the Dillon report; and,
6. That Council **SUPPORT** the transition of the current Inter Municipal Working group to a Transit Steering Committee until a new governance framework is established in the pending Memorandum of Understanding.

In accordance with Council's resolution, I would appreciate receiving your Councils' decision by May 31, 2017. I am happy to answer any questions

Yours truly,



Natasha Devos
Acting Regional Clerk
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Attachments (2)