



Meeting Date: February 19, 2020

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Report No: CMS-02-2020

Subject: Intercity Transit Service

Recommendation:

THAT Staff Report CMS-02-2020 be received as information;

AND THAT Council approve the Komoka Wellness and Recreation Centre as a stop for the Sarnia – Strathroy-Caradoc – London intercity transit service;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Strathroy-Caradoc for a bus location at the Komoka Wellness and Recreation Centre on the satisfaction of the municipal solicitor.

Purpose:

To update Council on the Intercity Transit Service.

Background:

Strathroy-Caradoc received a grant for \$1,450,000 from the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) for an intercommunity public transportation project that will connect Sarnia, Strathroy, Mount Brydges and London. The service provider is Voyago and the service will run three round trips daily during weekdays and two round trips daily on weekends. The service is set to launch April 1, 2020.

A total of 7 stop locations along the route are proposed, with stop locations including: 2 in Sarnia, 1 in Strathroy, 1 in Mount Brydges, 1 in Komoka and 2 in London. **Appendix A** shows the route. Regarding stop locations, the bus will need the passenger pick-up and drop-off areas to allow the extendable ramp enough space to load and unload passengers. Based on the needs of the extendable ramp, as well as the geographical location and proximity to well-used community services, the Komoka Wellness and Recreation Centre (KWRC) has been identified as a prime location to have the stop in Komoka. **Appendix B** shows where the proposed KWRC stop would be.

Analysis:

Staff have been corresponding with Demetri Makrakos the Economic Development Officer for Strathroy-Caradoc to confirm the municipalities' priorities for this service align. A memorandum of understanding has been drafted and is currently being reviewed by our legal team along with our Cowan Insurance to ensure expectations of both parties regarding the bus stop and this project are clear.

Financial Implications:

No funding will need to be contributed towards this bus stop or the operation and maintenance of any part of the intercity transit service by Middlesex Centre.

Strategic Plan:

This matter aligns with following strategic priorities:

- 5f. Operational Excellence: Adapting to changing demands and expectations.
- 2b. Economic Development: Capitalizing on Middlesex Centre's location advantage.
- 3c. Quality of Life: Meeting the needs of both current and future citizens.

Attachments:

Appendix A – Intercity Transit Service Route

Appendix B – Komoka Wellness Centre Bus Stop