

COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting Date: February 19, 2020
Department: Community Services
Prepared By: Demetri Makrakos, Economic Development Officer for Strathroy-Caradoc
Reviewed By: Scott Mairs, Director of Community Services
Submitted By:
SUBJECT: INTERCITY TRANSIT SERVICE

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) That council receive this as information.
- 2) That council approve the Komoka Wellness and Recreation Centre as a stop for the Sarnia - Strathroy-Caradoc – London 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.

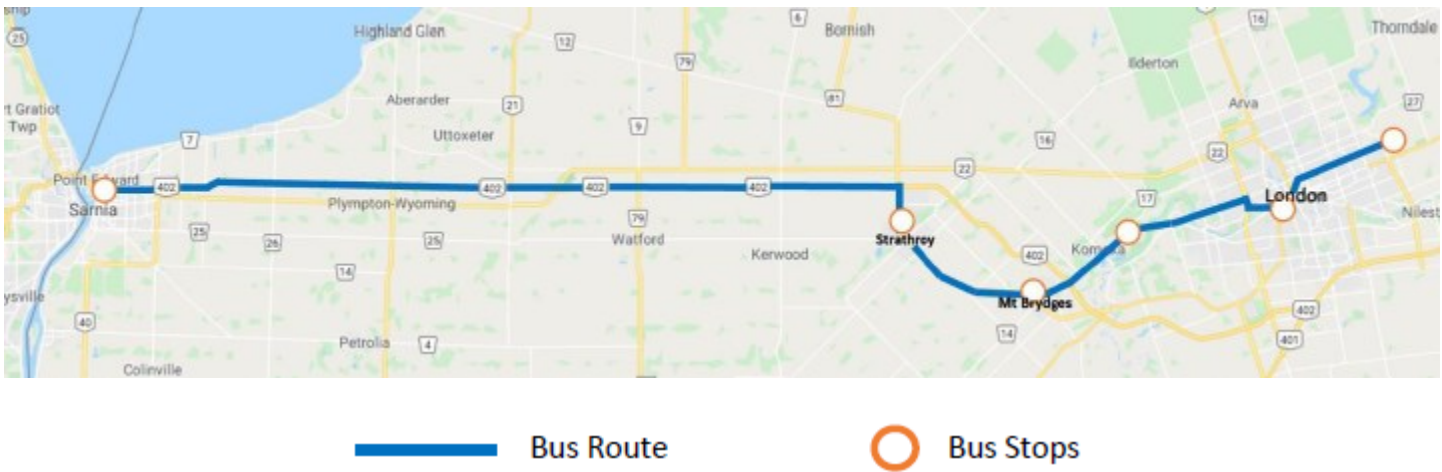
The Economic Development Officer – Demetri Makrakos - for Strathroy-Caradoc has been in communication with the Director of Community Services - Scott Mairs – to confirm the municipalities' priorities for this service align. A memorandum of understanding has been drafted and signed by both parties to ensure expectations of both parties regarding the bus stop and this project are clear.

Strathroy-Caradoc believes a stop at the KWRC will be mutually beneficial for residents of both Strathroy-Caradoc and Middlesex Centre, and will help with the long-term sustainability of this route.

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.

APPENDIX A – INTERCITY TRANSIT SERVICE ROUTE



APPENDIX B – KOMOKA STOP

