

Subject: Grey County Transit Agreement

Department: Infrastructure Services

Division: Transportation

Report #: INS-2021-001

Meeting Date: 2021-01-11

Recommendations

That report INS-2021-001, Grey County Transit Agreement be received,

And that the By-law included as attachment No. 1 to this report be enacted to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign an agreement with The Corporation of the County of Grey for the establishment of public transit bus stops including all appending schedules.

By-laws:

And that a By-law authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign an agreement with the Corporation of the County of Grey, be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Background

The County of Grey has recently launched a community transportation system known as Grey Transportation Service (GTR). Operation of the GTR began on September 14, 2020. GTR offers four regional routes, one being along Highway 10 from Owen Sound to Orangeville. Transit service is available five days a week, Monday to Friday. GTR is planned to run until the end of March 2023 at which point Grey County will re-evaluate the transportation service.

Analysis

GTR is currently operating a transit service along Highway No. 10 from Owen Sound to Orangeville, five days a week Monday to Friday. Buses are scheduled to depart from Owen Sound at appropriate times to ensure riders arrive on time for employment in Grey Highlands, Dundalk, Shelburne and Orangeville and to also interconnect with Orangeville Transit and GO-Metrolinx. The schedule provides for two trips in the morning and two trips in the afternoon.

To facilitate operations and to make appropriate interconnections it is planned that the GTR make stops which coincide with two of Orangeville Transit system's bus stops. Accordingly, GTR plans to stop at the Fourth Street transfer terminal (Stop #1) and at the Orangeville Mall- Metro bus stop (Stop #89). As such the County wishes to establish a public transit bus stop and erect signage at each of these two locations.

Staff have reviewed the locations and schedules proposed by GTR. Staff are unaware of any encumbrances that would prevent the use of these two locations by the GTR for bus stops and/or which would cause impacts to Orangeville Transit's current operations.

By signing the Grey County Transit Agreement, the Town agrees to permit the establishment of two public transit bus stops with signage, one at Fourth Street and the other at the Orangeville Mall – Metro, Hansen Boulevard stop. The Town also agrees to maintain the stops in accordance with established and current service level standards. Throughout the term of the agreement GTR shall reimburse the Town of Orangeville for expenses related to maintenance, including the removal of snow .

Either party given appropriate notice can terminate the Agreement upon which all erected signage and access to the transit stop premises shall cease. The County is to obtain and keep in force and effect during the term of the Agreement municipal general liability insurance to indemnify the Town, a copy of which is to be provided to the Town.

Strategic Alignment

Orangeville Forward – Strategic Plan

Priority Area: Sustainable Infrastructure

Objective: Provide systems that keep people moving

Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan

Theme: Transportation System

Strategy: Promote more sustainable and efficient transportation options

Financial Impact

There are no adverse financial impacts associated with this report.

Respectfully submitted

Douglas G. Jones, P. Eng.,
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Attachment(s): 1. By-law
 2. Bus Stop Agreement