

Attn: Access Orangeville Committee

Hello, my name is Grant Peters. I served on Town Council from 2018-2022 and have lived in Orangeville since 2010. I am reaching out to discuss the Town's fare-free transit program.

As you may know, the Town implemented free transit in January 2024, under a two year pilot program. This program is set to expire in December of this year. Town staff will be coming to Council on September 23 with a report on this topic, and a decision will be made regarding the program's future. I do not know what the report will recommend, but I will be delegating at this meeting, advocating for free transit to be extended indefinitely.

I am reaching out to groups and users in town that benefit most from this service, including the Library Board, Food Bank, Family Transition Place, DCAFS, Sustainable Orangeville, Senior's Centre, etc. My hope is that each of these groups will write a letter to Council in support of extending the free transit initiative.

As a group dedicated to removing barriers for local residents, I am hoping that the Access Orangeville committee will write a letter to Council in support of extending the free transit program.

Depending on the committee's level of support, you could also request to delegate at the meeting (with me or on your own), or simply attend to show your support. The meeting is on September 23 at 7:00pm at Town Hall.

I look forward to discussing this further with you at your September 12 committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Grant Peters