

**Subject: Metrolinx Joint Transit Procurement Programme and Agreement - 2019-2024**

**Department: Infrastructure Services**

**Division: Transportation and Development**

**Report #: INS-2021-015**

**Meeting Date: 2021-03-22**

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### **Recommendations**

**That report INS-2021-015, Metrolinx Joint Transit Procurement Programme and Agreement - 2019-2024 be received;**

**And that Council authorizes Orangeville Transit to participate in the multi-year Governance Agreement (GA) for joint transit procurements facilitated by Metrolinx;**

**And that Infrastructure Services designate a representative to the Transit Procurement Steering Committee under the programme;**

**And that Council direct Staff to complete the necessary applications, reporting forms and subsequent agreements as required under the Metrolinx procurement programme;**

**And that Council pass a By-law to authorize the entering into a joint transit procurement agreement with Metrolinx.**

### **Background and Analysis**

The Transit Procurement Initiative (TPI) was initiated in 2006 by the Ministry of Transportation. The Programme was transferred to Metrolinx in 2008. The objective of this Programme is to reduce the unit costs of newly purchased transit related equipment, i.e. buses etc. by consolidating tendering and orders to achieve the volumes required to attain economies of scale; reduce procurement process related costs; improve production and delivery scheduling, and reduce uncertainty for manufacturers through longer production runs, greater predictability and performance based specifications.

The TPI has been very successful and currently has 52 municipalities across the Province of Ontario who are actively participating under the Joint Transit Procurement Agreement. The municipalities participating form the Steering Committee, who are the decision-making body for the procurement of goods and services. The joint procurement initiative has expanded over the years and includes various transit system equipment, technology, facilities and related supplies and services. Orangeville Transit last participated in the Metrolinx Joint Procurement programme in 2019 when we purchased our fourth 9.0 metre low floor bus.

Orangeville Transit recognizes the value this joint procurement process provides. Metrolinx facilitates the entire joint procurement process, prepares all aspects of procurement, evaluates the process and presents procurement results to the participating steering committee. There is no cost in joining the Governance Agreement and the Agreement is flexible to allow municipalities to “opt-out” of the programme at any time. In the coming months, it is hopeful Metrolinx will undertake a similar procurement for 9.0 metre low floor buses which will allow Orangeville Transit to participate in the Joint Transit Procurement programme and to purchase the additional fleet as required for our proposed four route system.

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## **Strategic Alignment**

### **Orangeville Forward – Strategic Plan**

Priority Area: Sustainable Infrastructure

Objective: Provide Systems That Keep People Moving

### **Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan**

Theme: Transportation Systems

Strategy: Promotes More Sustainable & Efficient Transportation Systems

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## **Financial Impact**

While there is not a direct financial impact associated with participating in the Metrolinx Transit Procurement Initiative, the positive impacts for purchasing transit equipment, goods and services is expected to be realized in the future when and should the Town participate in the programme.

Respectfully submitted  
Douglas G. Jones, M.E.Sc., P. Eng.,

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**Attachment(s):**

1. Multi-Year Governance Agreement For Joint Transit Procurements Facilitated by Metrolinx, dated April 1, 2019 - 2019-2024