



The Corporation of the Town of Milton

Report To: Council

From: Tony D'Alessandro, Director, Transit Services

Date: July 18, 2022

Report No: COMS-006-22

Subject: Metrolinx Bus Services Agreement

Recommendation: THAT the Town enter into the Metrolinx Bus Services Agreement to permit access to Metrolinx-owned transit stations, terminals and facilities;

AND THAT the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to execute any agreements and required paperwork pending legal and financial review.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- As a result of forecasted transit growth in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA), Metrolinx is requesting municipal service providers to update and formalize Bus Service Agreements for accessing station, terminals and facilities.
- Milton Transit operates service at various Metrolinx-owned properties, including, Milton GO Station and Regional Road 25 and Highway 401 Park-and-Ride locations (Lisgar GO Station, Mississauga; effective September 2022).
- This report provides an overview of updated terms of the Metrolinx Bus Service Agreement and recommends subsequent execution.

REPORT

Background

The Town has executed property access agreements to permit Milton Transit vehicle access to Metrolinx-owned property, including:

- Milton GO Station (780 Main Street East)

Background

- Regional Road 25 and Highway 401 Park-and-Ride

The Milton GO Station has served as a terminal and main transfer point for the delivery of Milton Transit services since 2004. A bus terminal lease agreement was executed with GO Transit to permit access to the GO Station bus loop and associated passenger amenities (COMS-043-04). Milton Transit currently occupies four (4) dedicated laybys spaces within the GO Station bus loop, with operator access to after-hour, washroom facilities.

The Regional Road 25 and Highway 401 Park-and-Ride is used as a regional transfer location for cross-jurisdictional travel on GO Bus services (Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo, Mississauga, Toronto). The Town currently provides service to the Park-and-Ride via Milton Transit OnDemand. An agreement for accessing this property was executed in 2010 (COMS-025-10).

Additional property access will be required for the Lisgar GO Station (3250 Argentia Road, Mississauga) to accommodate the Steeles Avenue cross-boundary transit service, effective September 2022. This service was approved as per of the 2022 Capital and Operating Budget, and in concert with a financial partnership with Halton Hills.

Discussion

As a result of forecasted transit growth in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA), Metrolinx is requesting municipal service providers to update and formalize Bus Service Agreements for accessing Metrolinx-owned stations, terminals and facilities. The scope of the agreement includes the following:

- Updated terms
- Authorized use, access to platforms, dedicated layby spaces
- Access to facilities, operator amenities
- Personnel, access and use, approvals process
- Passenger amenities (signage, shelters etc.)
- Safety oversight
- Indemnity, liability and insurance
- Dispute resolution process

The Metrolinx Bus Services Agreement will supersede other site-specific agreements currently in place. The updated agreement will also include appended site-specific schedules, which can be amended and updated from time-to-time without the need to execute a new agreement. Town staff have had consultation with Metrolinx and GTHA transit systems to address system requirements within the agreement.

In summary, staff recommend the execution of the Metrolinx Bus Service Agreement to maintain access to Metrolinx-owned stations, terminals and facilities, pending legal review.



Financial Impact

Staff do not anticipate additional costs executing the Metrolinx Bus Services Agreement. Maintenance costs associated with after-hours washroom access is currently incorporated in the Operating Budget and Service Delivery Contract.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

None

Approved by CAO
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Chief Administrative Officer

Recognition of Traditional Lands

The Town of Milton resides on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We also recognize the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat and Haudenosaunee people. The Town of Milton shares this land and the responsibility for the water, food and resources. We stand as allies with the First Nations as stewards of these lands.