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Subject: 10 Year Transit Strategy

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Rose, if possible please add this correspondence to the next Council Meeting since we believe the recommendation might be to refer to the November 24th GIC meeting. Thanks.

Dear Honourable Mayor & Council Members,

As you know year 3 of the Transit Strategy was deferred and is to be reviewed during the 2018 Budget Process.

To recap, years 1 and 2 were to address Deficiencies which were inclusive of 'route structures' and year 3 is to address 'service standards'.

Specific to our area, we have 3 concerns:

1. Year 3 clearly showed at least 1 new bus being required for "service standards". It appears however, the 2018 budget published last week isn't going to implement year 3 in 2018 since 0 \$'s are in the budget under 10 Year Transit Strategy capital for bus expansion. (all of the capital dollars allocated are for bus replacements)
2. Service Standard changes for us, includes an expanded Sunday Service at the Bell Manor Loop. Based on data received from Staff, the Bell Manor Loop currently has **zero Sunday boardings**. We bring this to your attention to possibly question whether paying the Sunday shift premium (1.25x hourly rate of pay) for operating our local bus is an efficient financial decision. We also question the rationale of expanding Sunday service to the parts of lower Stoney Creek with low ridership, yet there are no plans to offer Sunday/Holiday TransCab service to the Levi, Jones Road & Bell Manor loops which service our growth areas of lower Stoney Creek.
3. We've evolved to the point of # of users / hour meet the minimum standards to warrant a bus route down Grays, north of Barton Street. Based on 2016 TransCab data, proof is finally on file that our area has a route structure deficiency. We've always felt we had the ridership, but have been told we had to prove ridership first. Since we now have, we believe this route structure deficiency should be addressed before we expend operating dollars on service standards. Other areas of the city had their route structure deficiencies addressed in 2015 and 2016, and we would respectfully request the same Year 1&2 strategy be applied equitably across the city.

Sincerely,

Viv / Anna / Nancy

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