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Subject: Niagara Regional Transit On Demand Pilot Project - Nov 25 Council Agenda Item 5.2

Dear Clrs Pearson, Clark and Collins (and Honourable Mayor & Council)

Fiscal Impacts to Municipality : negative fare box revenue, loss of Gas Tax Revenue (taxi to bus is a transfer (boarding) and not a 'ride'), doubles city's cost per ride of users - all of which adversely impacts present and future funding available to expand conventional transit

Fiscal Impacts to Stoney Creek Property Taxpayers: cost of service provided to **Niagara** users Area-Rated to tax base in Stoney Creek

Fiscal Impacts to Users: upwards of 70% surcharges (seniors)

The expansion of NRT into the Winona Crossing is a good news story for the intra-municipality transit and for the economic recovery of the businesses located in that area. Unlike other major shopping destinations/employment areas, such as Ancaster Meadowlands, transit to that area however is via Transcab which has significant impacts that are at times overlooked or misunderstood.

By co-incidence, our association wrote to the Planning Staff a couple of weeks ago on Transcab. We are attaching that email of November 8th for your information.

We are at a loss to understand why the Staff Report presented to the Public Works Committee indicated this pilot project has "no financial implications to the City of Hamilton" . Niagara users will be able to use Transcab/HSR transit from Winona Crossing to travel to other destinations. There is **no revenue generated**; on average the city collects \$3.00 per Transcab/HSR ride and pays out \$5.75 to the provider of Transcab. The HSR portion of the "ride" itself is ~ 200% subsidized

Based on information we've been provided with from City Staff in the past, Transcab clearly has significant adverse financial impacts for the city, for the Stoney Creek taxpayers, for the users of the service, and overall for all Hamilton transit users.

As stated in previous emails over the years, we Creekers already pay for Transcab service to locations outside Stoney Creek (specifically the East Hamilton Business Park) and now it appears we will also be taxed for users from a completely different municipality !? This inequity should end with the implementation of this pilot project.

Respectfully, we are again requesting that the \$1M + ?? cost of TransCab no longer be area-rated (downloaded to the backs) to the properties in Stoney Creek effective with the 2021 budget.

Viv / Anna/ Nancy
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