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Subject: Public Works - April 3, 2023 - myRide Waterdown On-Demand Pilot Review (PW23023)

Dear Planning Committee Members

The purpose of this email is to request amending my(Free)Ride to my(taxed)Ride effective with the 2023 Property Tax Levy by-laws Council will be ratifying at the end of April.

Historical Background:

When this pilot program was first introduced, the service was offered to an expanded Transit area with no corresponding expansion to the Transit Boundary taxation area. Many properties that received this service during the pilot received the service and continued to be 'rural' for transit levy tax purposes. We did question this during the pilot however no amendments were made for the last several years.

The Transit taxes levied to the Waterdown Area have been:

\$1.36M in 2020

\$1.26M in 2021

\$1.27M in 2022

Pilot Review:

As per the report, the operating costs for providing Transit service to the Waterdown Area have been:

\$2 M in 2020

\$1.8 M in 2021

\$1.5M in 2022

and are projected to be \$1.8M in 2023

Also within the Staff Recommendation Report:

- the pilot ended in November 2022; and
- the recommendation is to continue to provide transit to an expanded Transit Boundary area during 2023.

Please note this is not a matter that should be tabled or deferred to discussions on the review of Transit Area Rating. When property tax revenues collected fall short of the actual operating costs of the service, the balance of public are impacted financially. The correction sought is to align the existing Council approved methodology for transit with the present transit serviced area.

We trust Committee will address this oversight and consider providing direction to Staff that effective with the 2023 Tax Levies By-law there will no longer be any free rides to properties located within 400 m of a fixed route or to properties that are receiving myRide transit.

Regards,

Anna Roberts
President
Lakewood Beach Community Council