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## **WELLAND TRANSIT MAKING CHANGES TO IMPROVE SERVICE LEVELS**

**Welland, ON** - Welland Transit is expanding its Saturday service and offering a new Sunday service starting June 4, to provide new extended routes to transit users. Welland Transit staff are estimating that ridership could increase to 1 million passengers this year with improved service levels.

Changes were approved by Council in June 2016 when Transit Manager Alfred Stockwell presented a progress report regarding Transit's Master Plan. Although extended services were approved for 2018, Welland Council directed staff to implement the extended services in 2017 to better accommodate Welland Transit's growing ridership.

The following changes will take effect June 4, 2017:

- Extended Saturday service hours from 6:15 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.
- New Sunday service hours from 9:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
- Cash fare increase of .25¢ per person to offset increase in service delivery
- Monthly pass increase of \$7.00 for adult/post-secondary, and \$6.00 increase for student
- Econopass increase of \$1.00 for adult/student, and \$2.00 for senior

"We're excited to extend transit services and provide reliable public transportation seven days a week to our patrons," said Alfred Stockwell, Transit Manager. "Offering Sunday transit routes definitely raises the bar on customer service delivery and aligns us with other neighbouring municipalities."

"Improving Welland Transit services is first and foremost to the Committee," said Councillor Leo Van Vliet and Welland Transit Advisory Chair. "We are pleased with the progressing service levels that are breaking down barriers and getting people where they need to go any day of the week."

For more information on Welland Transit schedules, fares, and services, visit [welland.ca](http://welland.ca).

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