

Welland City Council approves Municipal Transfer Agreement for regionalized transit

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Welland, ON – At a special council meeting on December 8, 2022, Welland City Council approved the signing of the Municipal Transfer Agreement (MTA), effectively completing the upload of all City transit services to the Niagara Region.

Throughout discussions, Council consistently referred to keeping the best interests of Wellanders at the forefront of their decision and ensuring that there would be no disruptions in services resulting from Council’s decision.

“We have always supported the regional transit model, but it was incumbent on this Council to make sure we left no stone unturned in exploring the best possible outcome for our residents,” said Mayor Frank Campion. “At the end of the day, ensuring transit is here on time and ready for January 1 as part of the regional system is very important.”

There are several disputed items in the MTA that Council continues to review but would not let those factors prevent the completion of the agreement to ensure Welland transit riders experience no disruption on January 1, 2023, when the regional model officially begins.

Council also directed staff to review, and get advice on, the methodology applied to compute the 2023 levy allocation for transit operating costs.

For more information on the new transit system, visit: <https://www.niagararegion.ca/transit/>

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