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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Tara Stephens, Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk

DATE: March 10, 2026

SUBJECT: Lottery Licensing for Community Organizations

As per By-law 1993-10057, charitable organizations must obtain lottery licensing approval from Council to conduct lottery events. The City Clerk, appointed as the licensing officer for the Corporation, oversees the review of licensing eligibility applications to ensure compliance with the guidelines set by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario. Once eligibility is confirmed, a report was traditionally prepared for Council consideration. However, on March 19, 2024, Council passed a motion delegating authority to the City Clerk to approve lottery licensing requests for eligible organizations and to provide a memorandum be provided to council following approval.

The following organization has been granted approval for conducting lottery events within the City of Welland:

10th Welland Scout Group

10th Welland Scout Group has been operating for nine years after being established in 2016-2017. Since Scouts Canada is the country's leading co-ed youth organization, offering programming for children and youth aged 5-26. The Scout Group plans to use funds from lotteries to support outdoor camp programming, training scout leaders, subsidizing program badges and assisting in covering registration and uniform fees for youth who require financial support.

March 4, 2026

Mayor and Council
City of Welland
60 East Main St.
Welland, ON
L3B 3X4

Dear Mayor Campion and Council,

I am pleased to provide the 2025 Q4 statistics from our commingled services. Building on the outcomes and observations reported in Q3, this update highlights ridership trends, operational insights, and service developments specific to the fourth quarter of 2025.

During Q4 2025, the commingled service completed 63,936 trips. This represents a 1% increase compared to the 2023 baseline, a 2.6% decrease compared to Q4 2024, and a 4.8% increase compared to Q3 2025.

Specialized transit ridership totaled 12,101 trips, representing an 17.8% increase compared to Q4 2024 and a 14% increase over the RFP baseline. Specialized ridership represents approximately 20% of total service delivered, demonstrating sustained growth and service stabilization. Microtransit accounted for 51,835 trips, representing a 6.4% decrease compared to Q4 2024 and a 2% decrease over the RFP baseline.

Ridership trends in Q4 2025 reflect continued stabilization within the commingled service model. While the contractual 20% ridership growth target remains influenced by broader shifts in customer travel behaviour, Q4 results show total ridership closely aligned with the RFP baseline and improving quarter over quarter.

Niagara Transit remains committed to delivering an accessible, reliable, and financially sustainable transit network that supports equitable mobility and a consistent, high quality customer experience across the region.

For further information, please see the [full report](#) presented at the February 17, 2026 meeting of the Niagara Transit Commission.

Thank you for your ongoing support of transit. Together we're continuing to create a truly connected, barrier free Niagara.

Sincerely,



Carla Stout
General Manager, Niagara Transit

Overall NT+ Service Metrics - 2025 (Q4)

Power BI Desktop

Number of Passengers

87,760

Number of Trips

78,424

Number of Accessible Trips

12,493

Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device

794

Average Direct Distance (km)

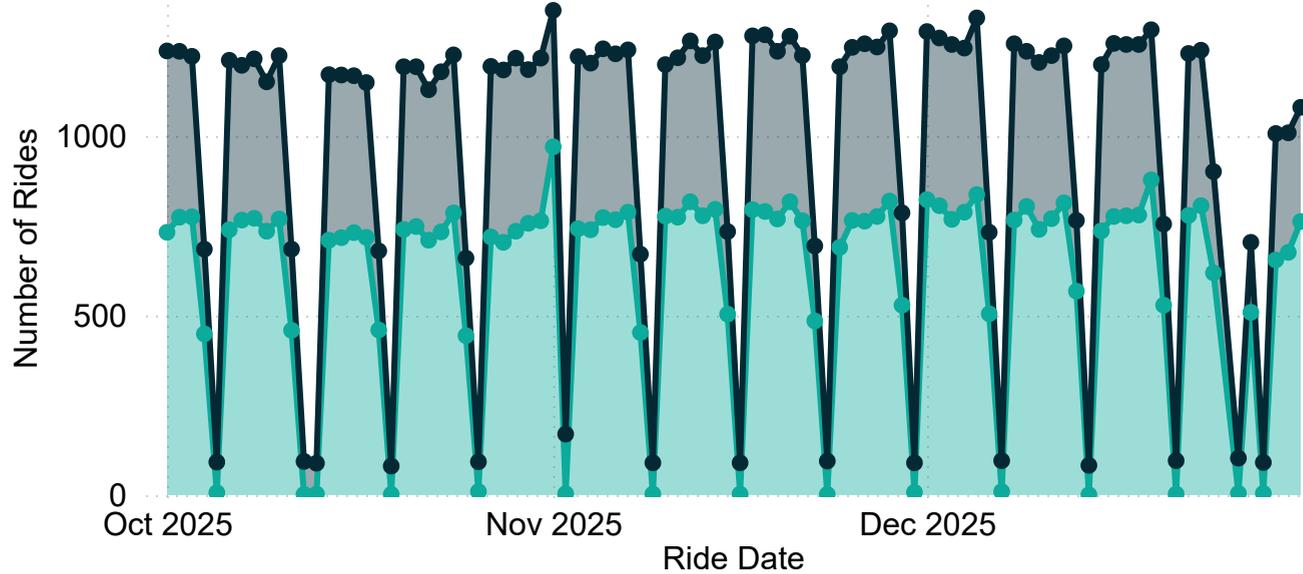
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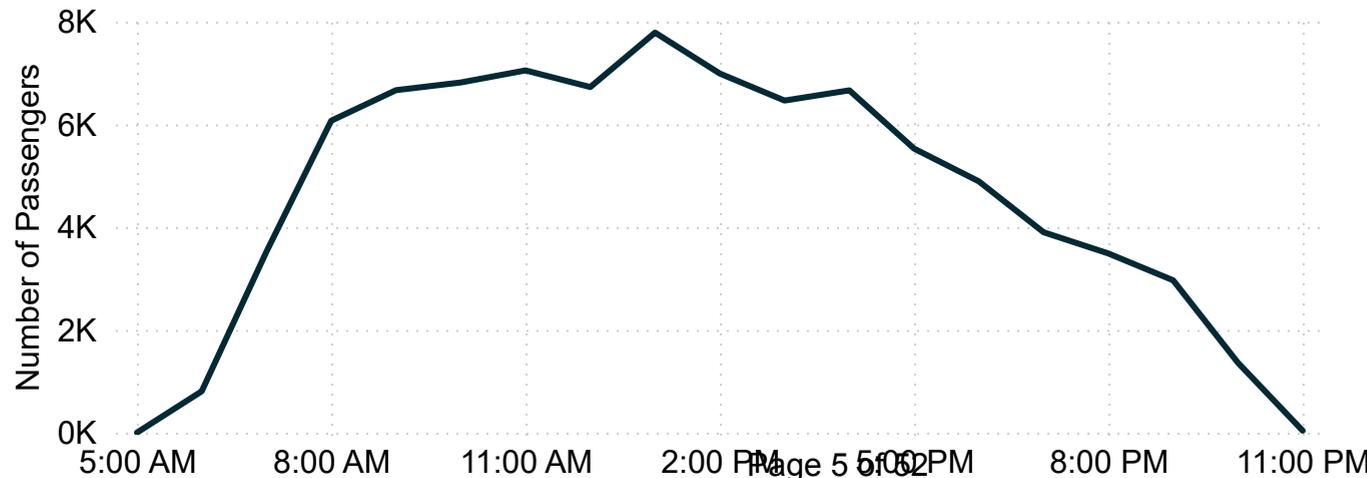
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Daily Ridership

● Micro ● Specialized



Peak Hours



Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



Booking Method	Day Of	Pre-Booked	Total
Agent	2983	14060	17043
App	27220	30824	58044
Subscription		2669	2669
Total	30203	47553	77756

Overall NT+ In-House Service Metrics - 2025 (Q4)

Number of Passengers

23,824

Number of Trips

20,186

Number of Accessible Trips

7,988

Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device

68

Average Direct Distance (km)

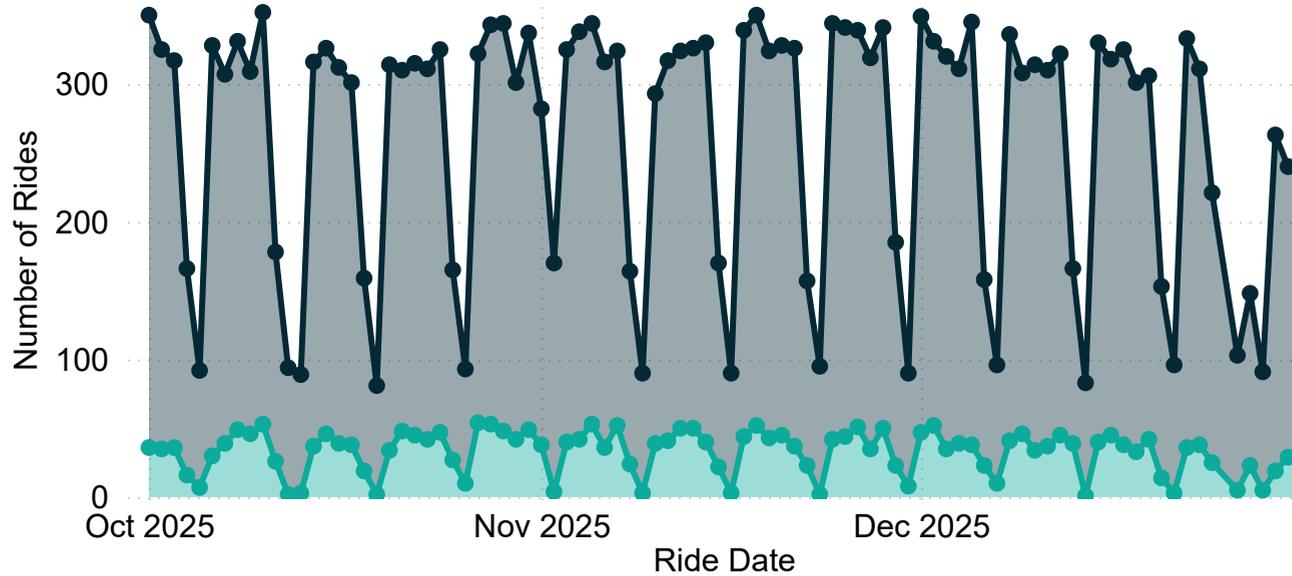
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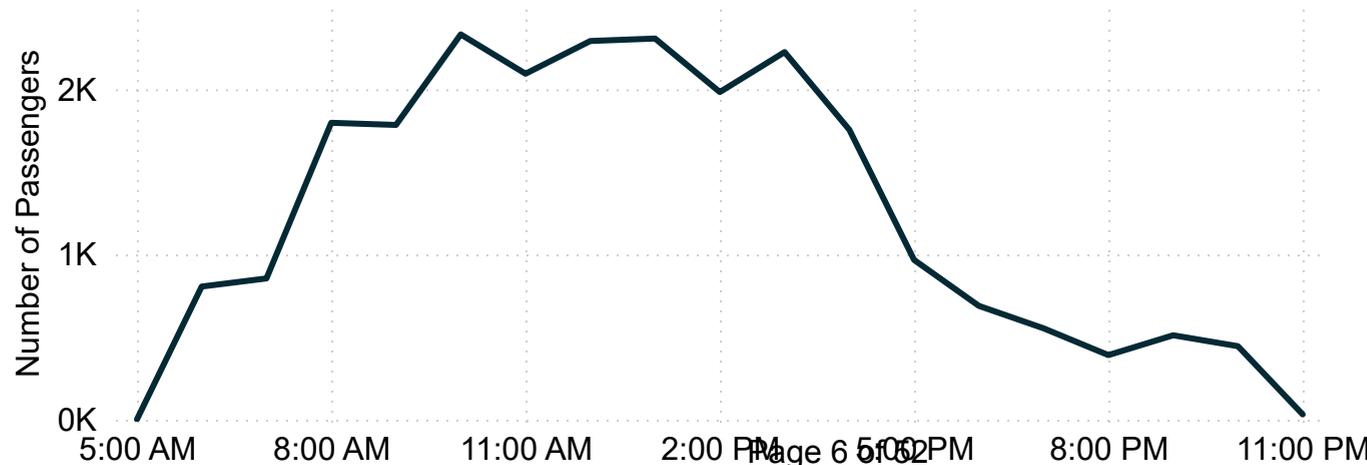
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Daily Ridership

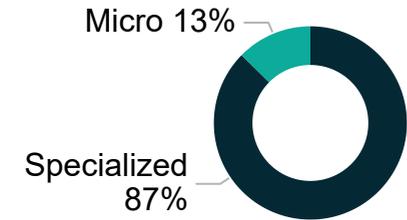
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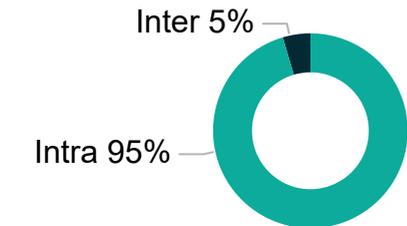
Peak Hours



Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



Booking Method	Day Of	Pre-Booked	Total
Agent	1379	7984	9363
App	3464	6518	9982
Subscription		651	651
Total	4843	15153	19996

Overall NT+ In-House 2025 (Q4) Service Metrics - Niagara Falls

Number of Passengers

7,190

Number of Trips

6,288

Number of Accessible Trips

2,260

Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device

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Average Direct Distance (km)

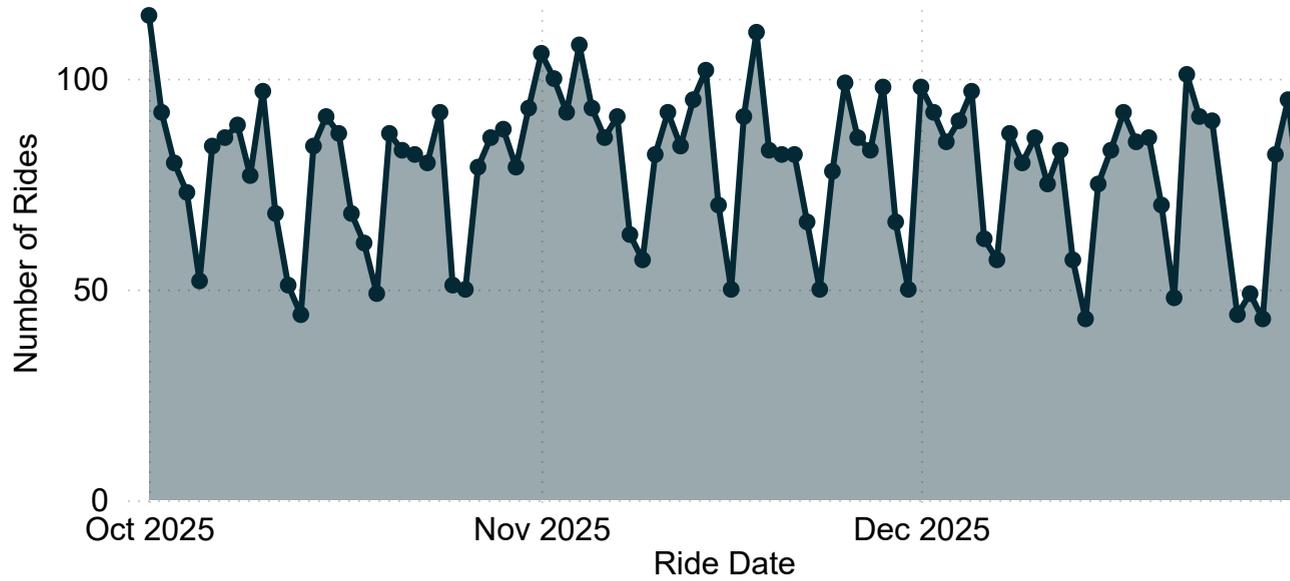
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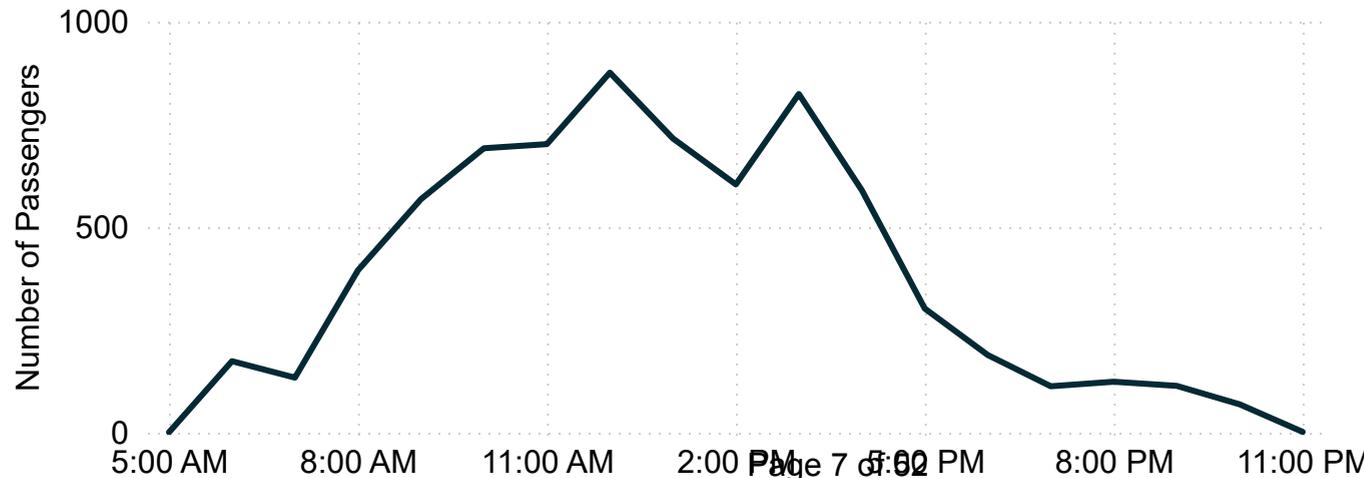
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Daily Ridership

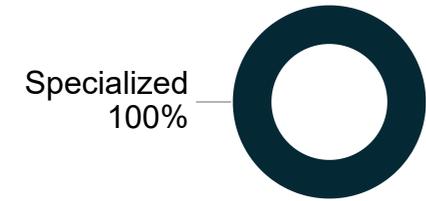
● Specialized



Peak Hours



Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



Booking Method	Day Of	Pre-Booked	Total
Agent	789	2635	3424
App	1051	1071	2122
Subscription		651	651
Total	1840	4357	6197

Overall NT+ In-House 2025 (Q4) Service Metrics - St. Catharines

Power BI Desktop

Number of Passengers
8,878

Number of Trips
7,254

Number of Accessible Trips
3,211

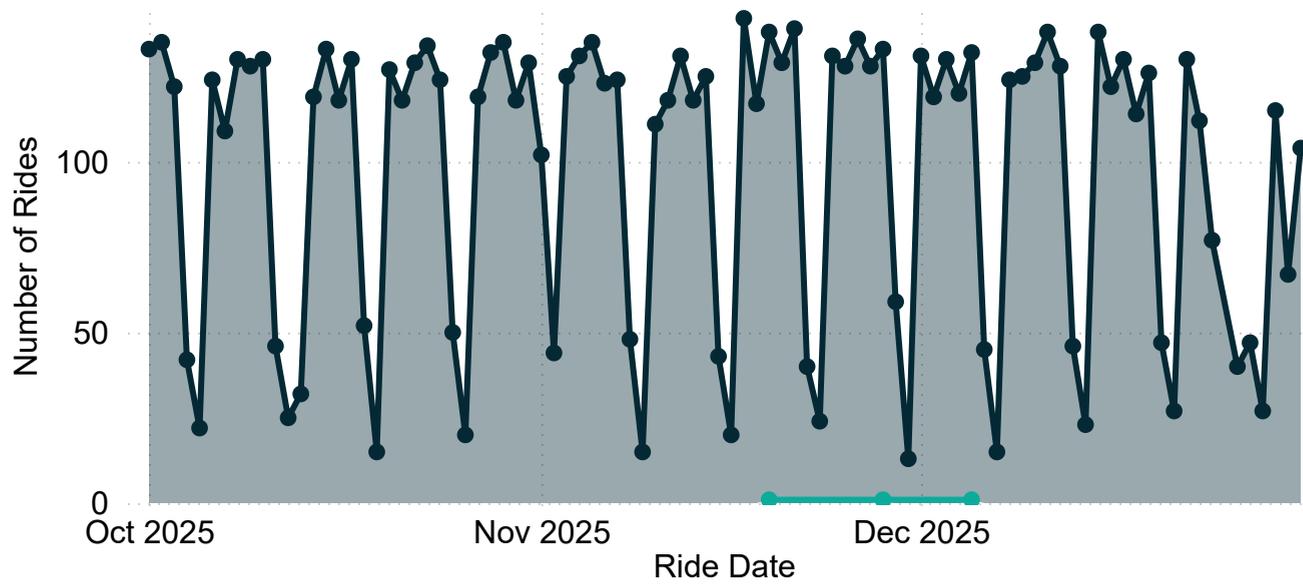
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Average Direct Distance (km)
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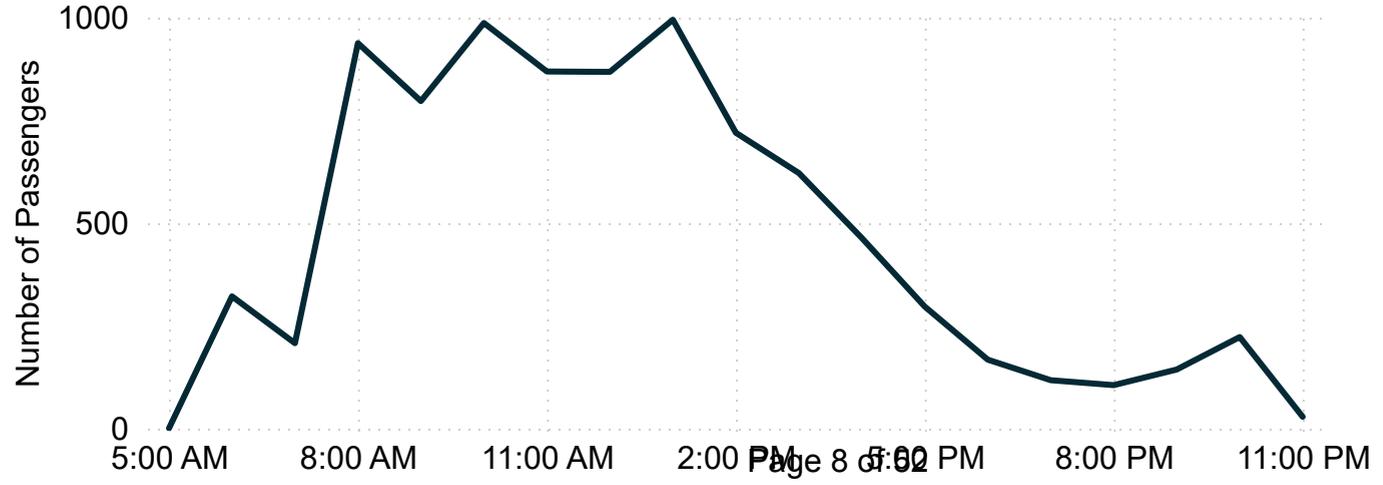
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Daily Ridership

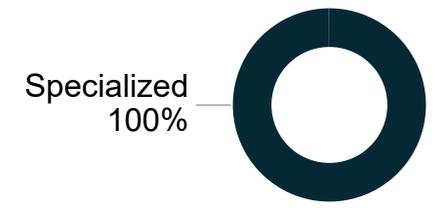
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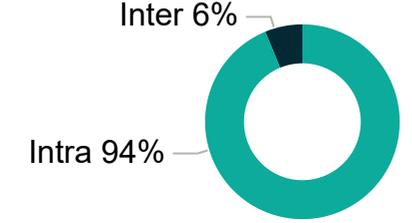
Peak Hours



Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



Booking Method	Day Of	Pre-Booked	Total
Agent	391	2983	3374
App	704	3121	3825
Total	1095	6104	7199

Overall NT+ In-House 2025 (Q4) Service Metrics - Thorold

Number of Passengers

564

Number of Trips

514

Number of Accessible Trips

412

Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device

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Average Direct Distance (km)

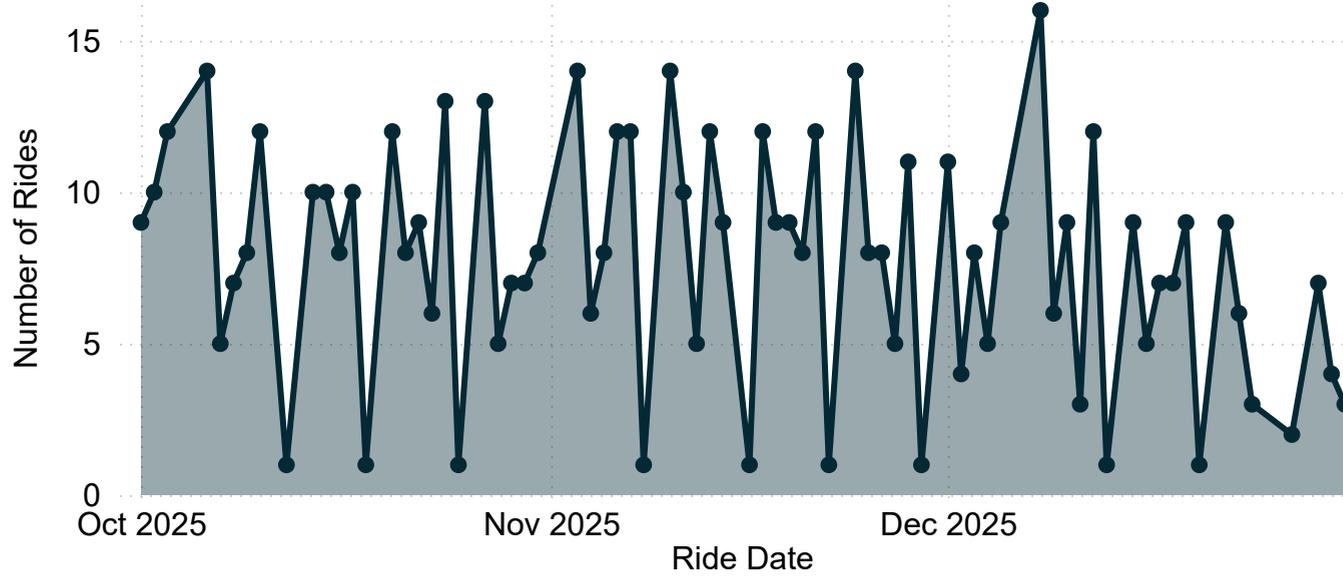
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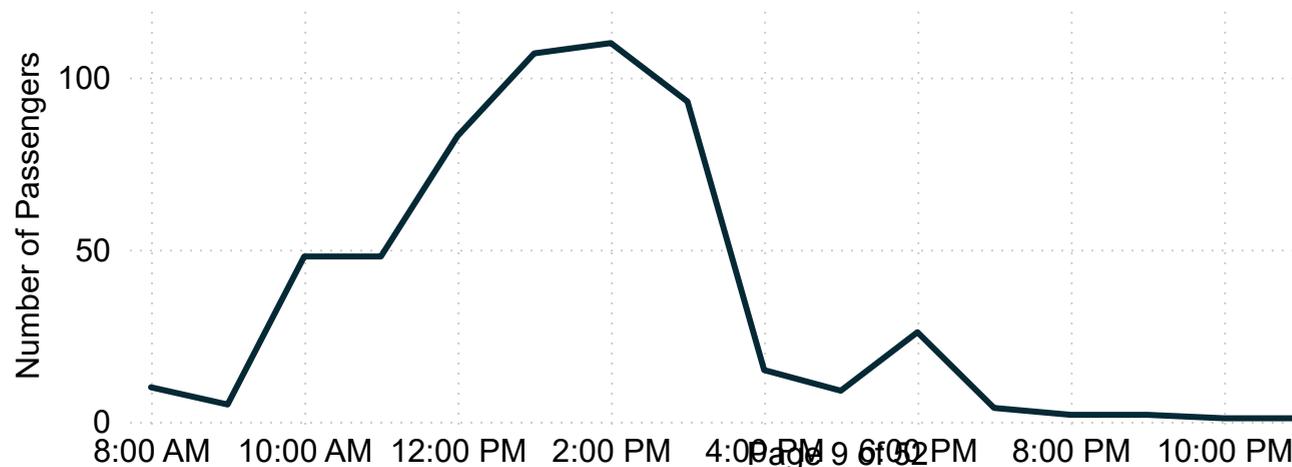
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Daily Ridership

● Specialized



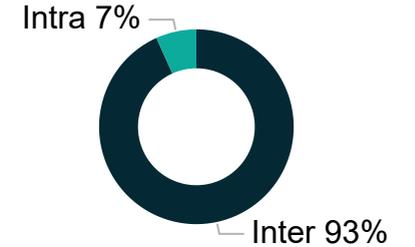
Peak Hours



Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



Booking Method	Day Of	Pre-Booked	Total
Agent	13	132	145
App	61	308	369
Total	74	440	514

Overall NT+ In-House 2025 (Q4) Service Metrics - Welland

Power BI Desktop

Number of Passengers
7,192

Number of Trips
6,130

Number of Accessible Trips
2,105

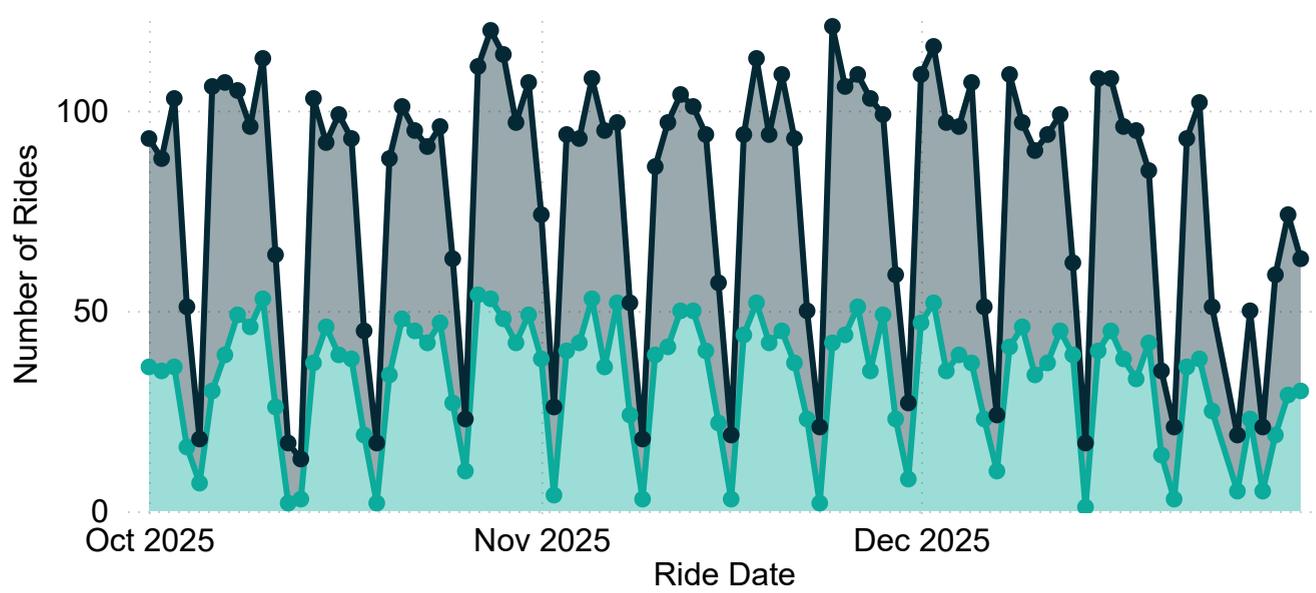
Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device
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Average Direct Distance (km)
4.88

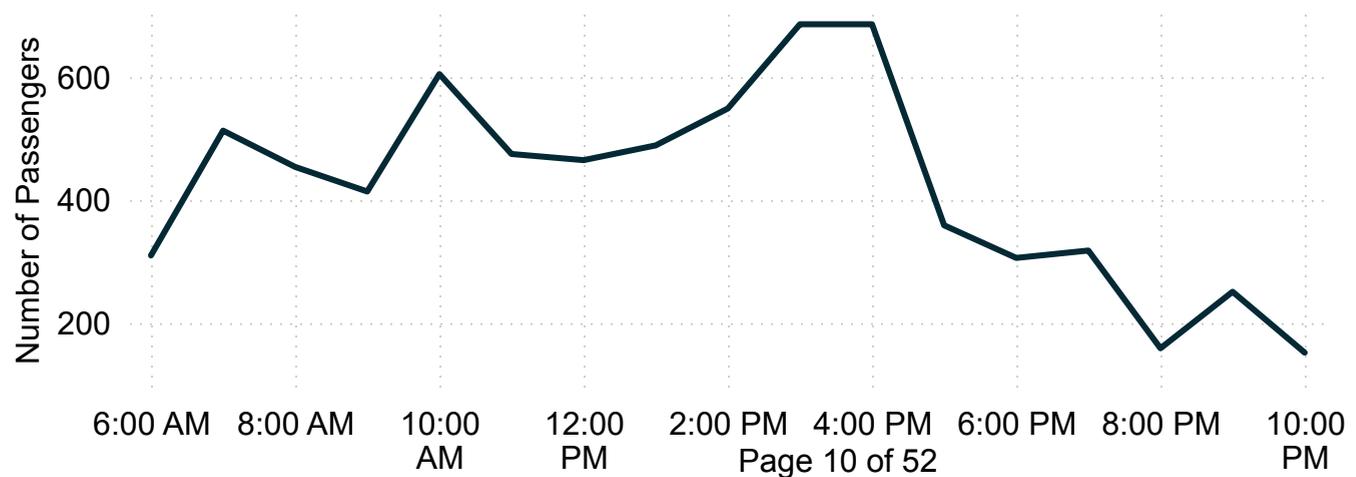
Average Time On-Board (min)
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Daily Ridership

● Micro ● Specialized



Peak Hours



Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



Booking Method	Day Of	Pre-Booked	Total
Agent	186	2234	2420
App	1648	2018	3666
Total	1834	4252	6086

Overall NT+ (Contract) Voyago Service Metrics - 2025 (Q4)

Power BI Desktop

Number of Passengers

63,936

Number of Trips

58,238

Number of Accessible Trips

4,505

Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device

726

Average Direct Distance (km)

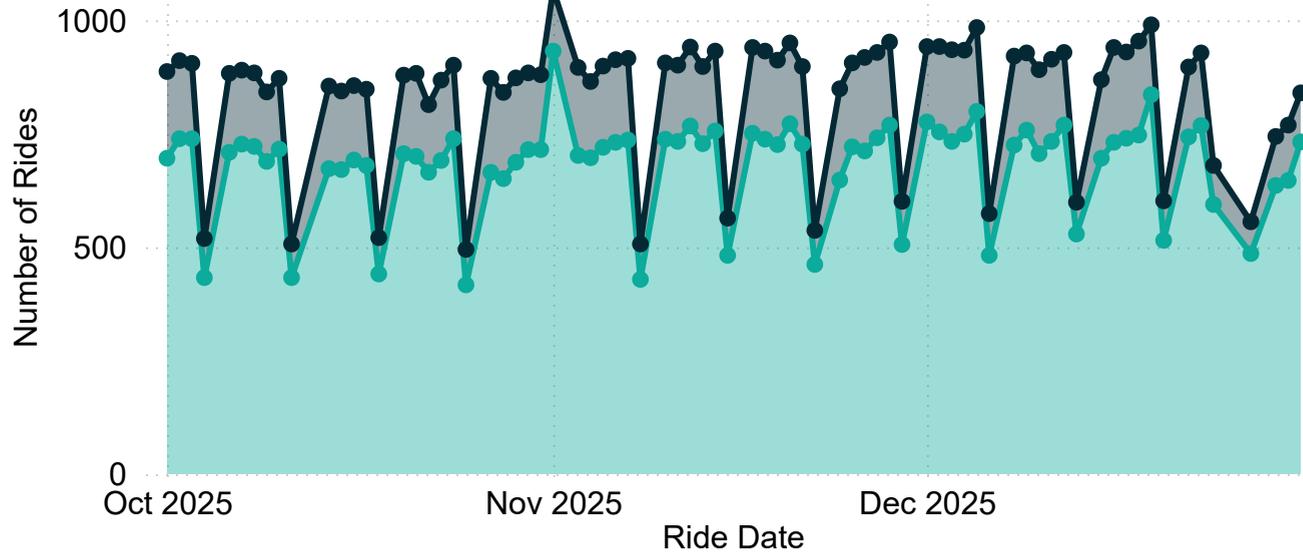
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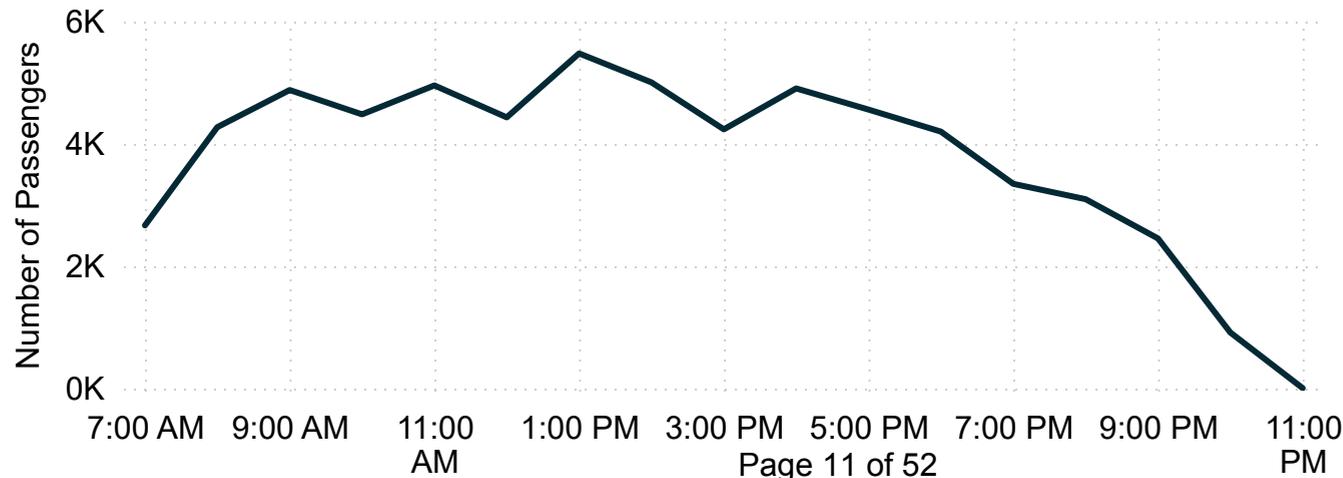
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Daily Ridership

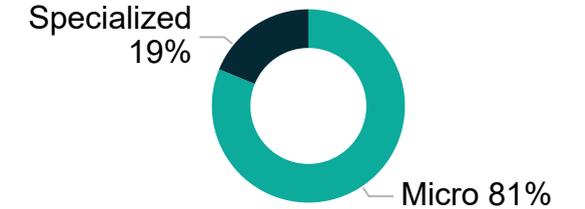
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Peak Hours



Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



Booking Method	Day Of	Pre-Booked	Total
Agent	1604	6076	7680
App	23756	24306	48062
Subscription		2018	2018
Total	25360	32400	57760

NT+ (Contract) Voyago 2025 (Q4) Service Metrics - Fort Erie

Power BI Desktop

Number of Passengers

24,879

Number of Trips

21,853

Number of Accessible Trips

876

Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device

287

Average Direct Distance (km)

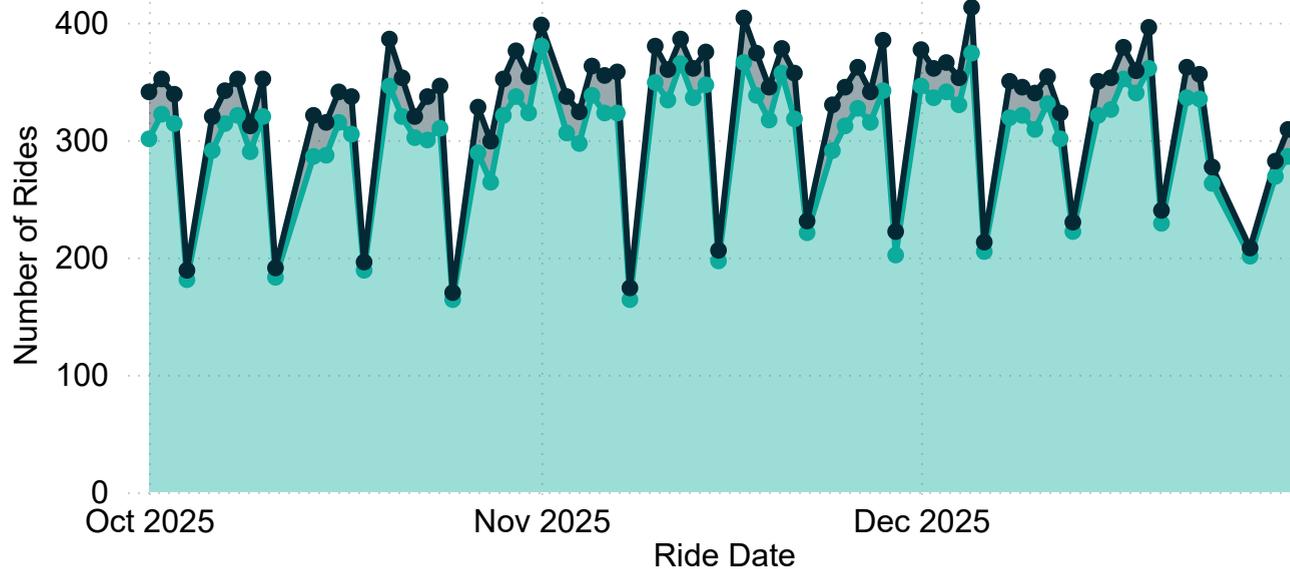
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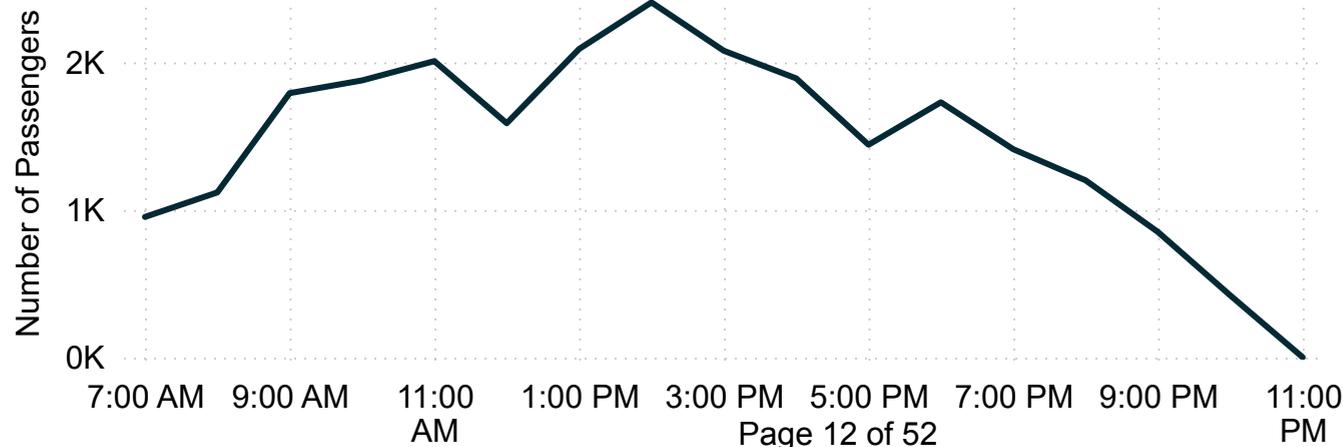
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Daily Ridership

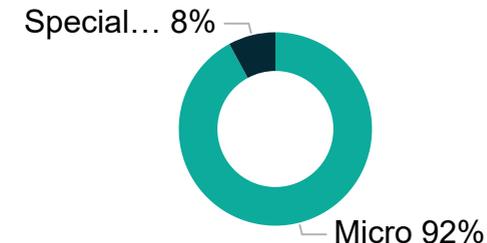
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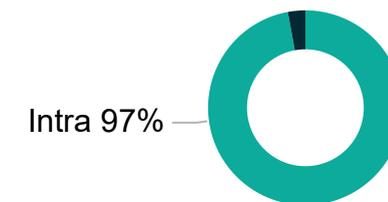
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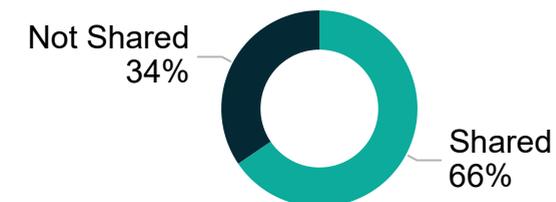
Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



Booking Method	Day Of	Pre-Booked	Total
Agent	820	1632	2452
App	11123	7755	18878
Subscription		351	351
Total	11943	9738	21681

NT+ (Contract) Voyago 2025 (Q4) Service Metrics - Grimsby

Power BI Desktop

Number of Passengers

6,400

Number of Trips

6,161

Number of Accessible Trips

126

Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device

63

Average Direct Distance (km)

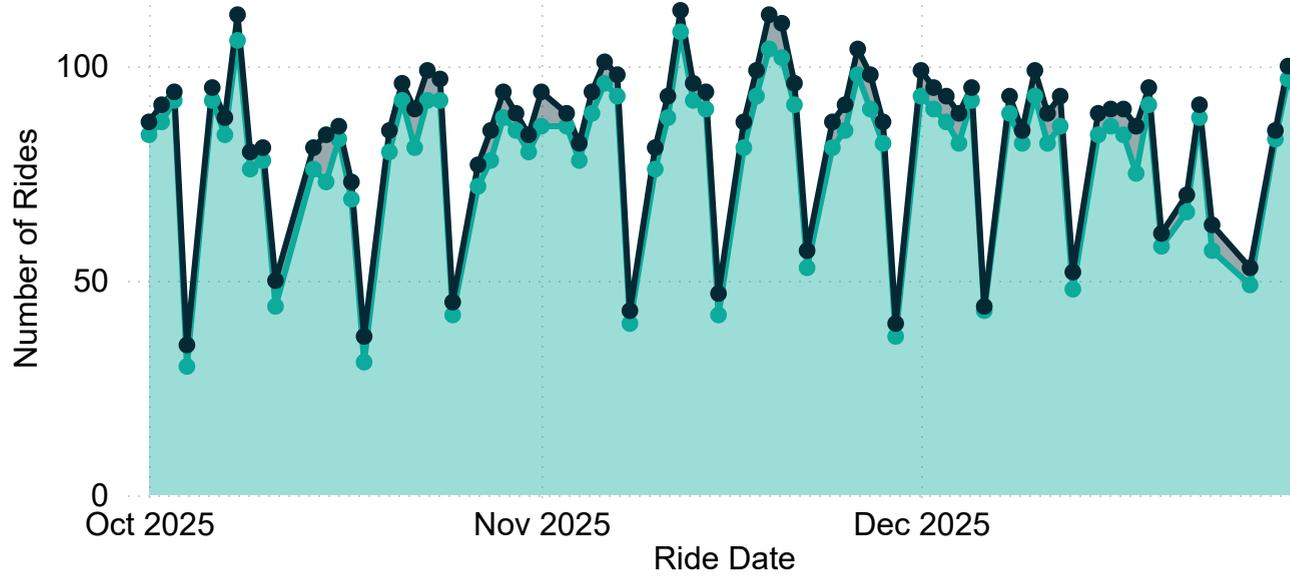
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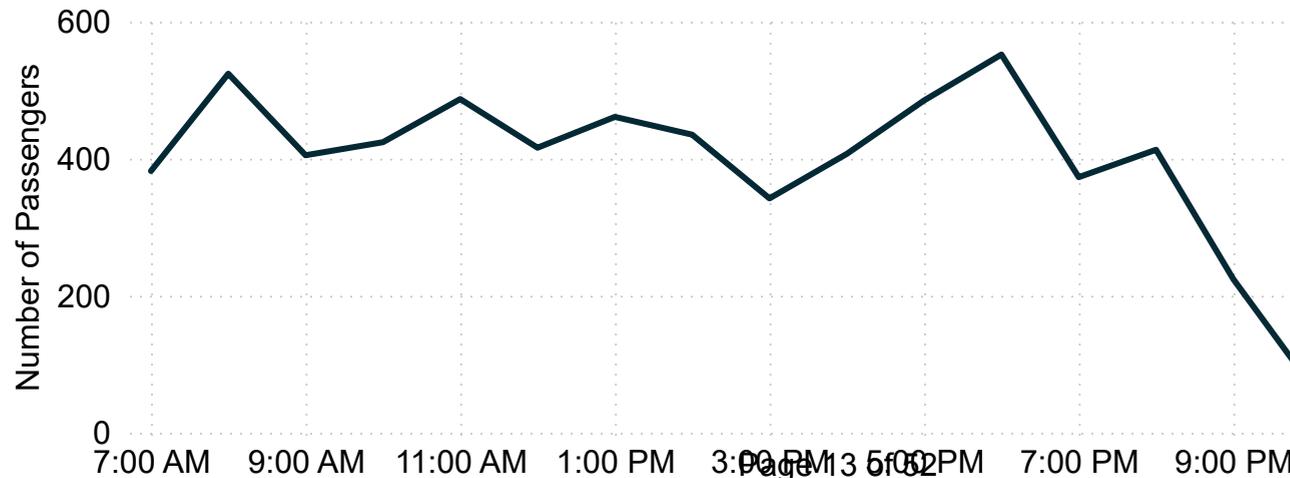
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Daily Ridership

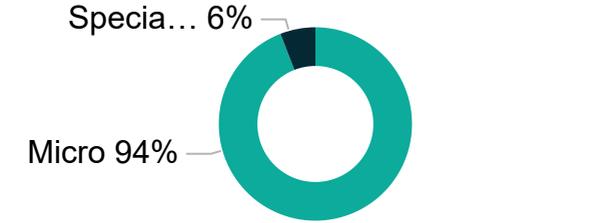
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Peak Hours



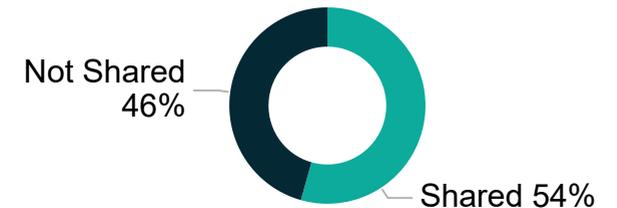
Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



Booking Method	Day Of	Pre-Booked	Total
Agent	108	212	320
App	2555	3082	5637
Subscription		161	161
Total	2663	3455	6118

NT+ (Contract) Voyago 2025 (Q4) Service Metrics - Lincoln

Power BI Desktop

Number of Passengers

5,379

Number of Trips

5,084

Number of Accessible Trips

234

Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device

149

Average Direct Distance (km)

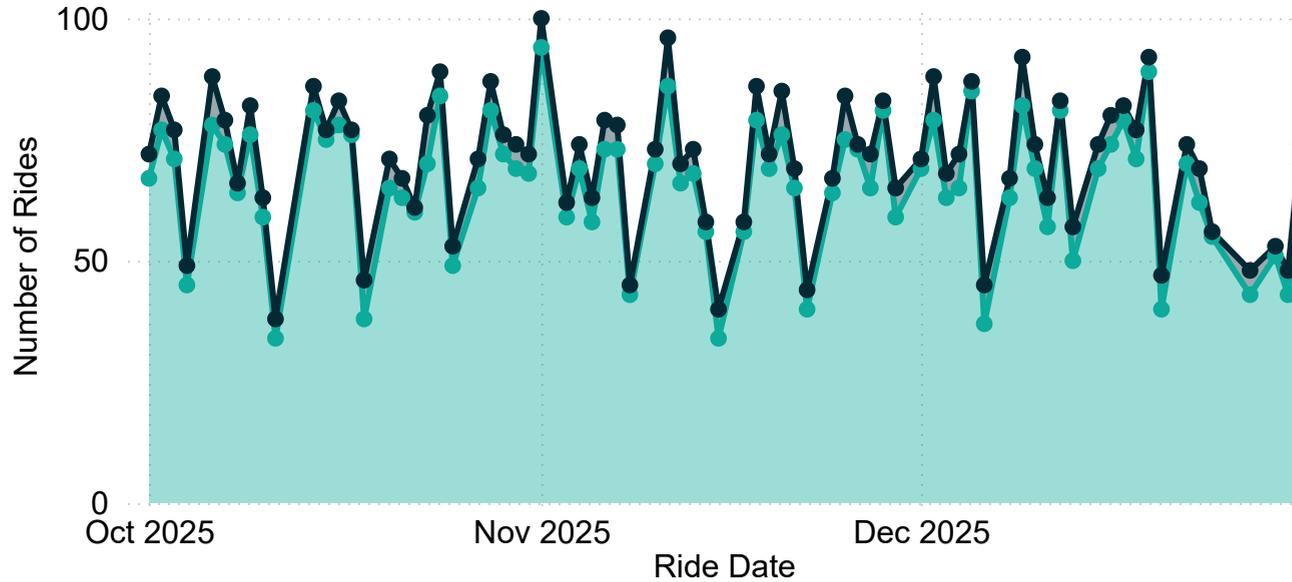
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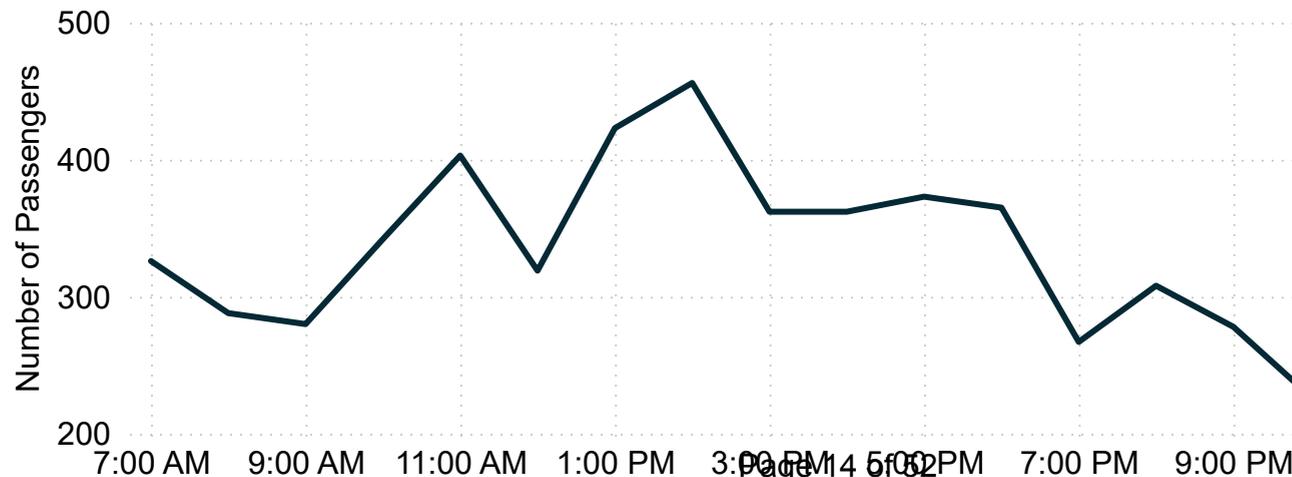
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Daily Ridership

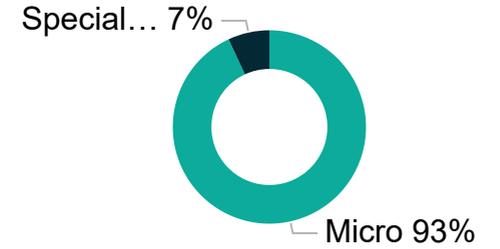
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Peak Hours



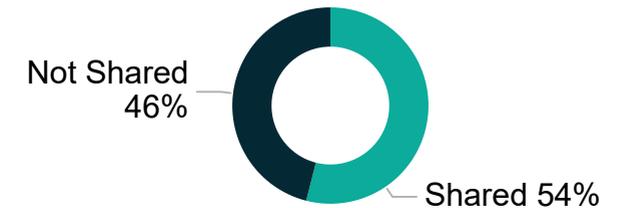
Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



Booking Method	Day Of	Pre-Booked	Total
Agent	100	383	483
App	2099	2374	4473
Subscription		81	81
Total	2199	2838	5037

NT+ (Contract) Voyago 2025 (Q4) Service Metrics - Niagara Falls

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Number of Passengers
2,468

Number of Trips
2,162

Number of Accessible Trips
645

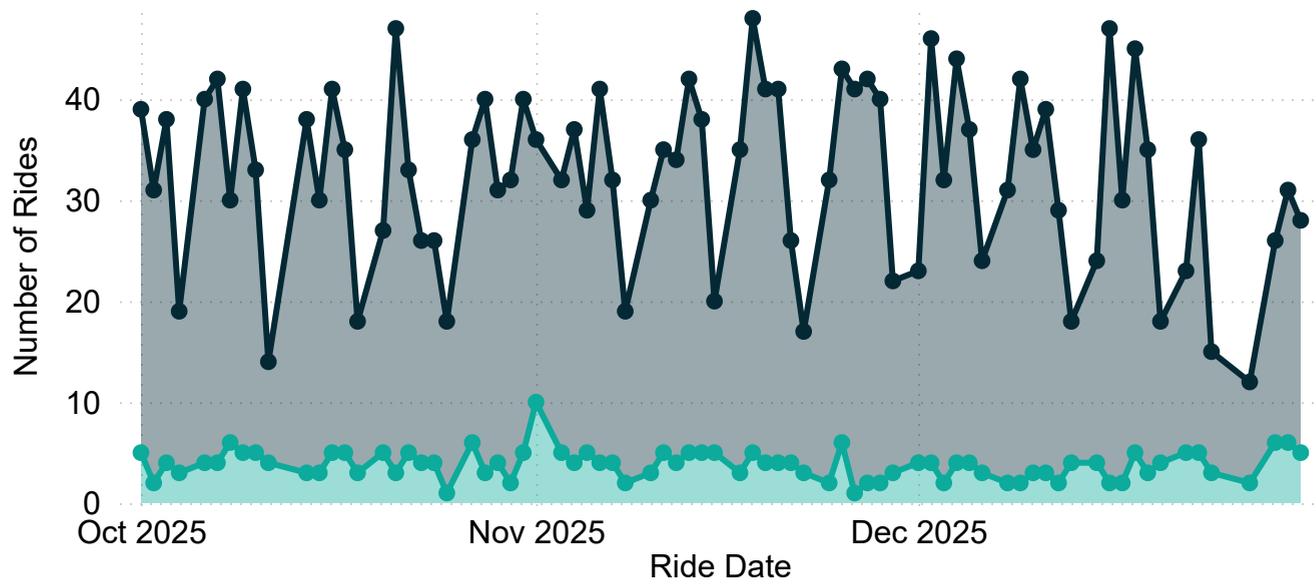
Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device
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Average Direct Distance (km)
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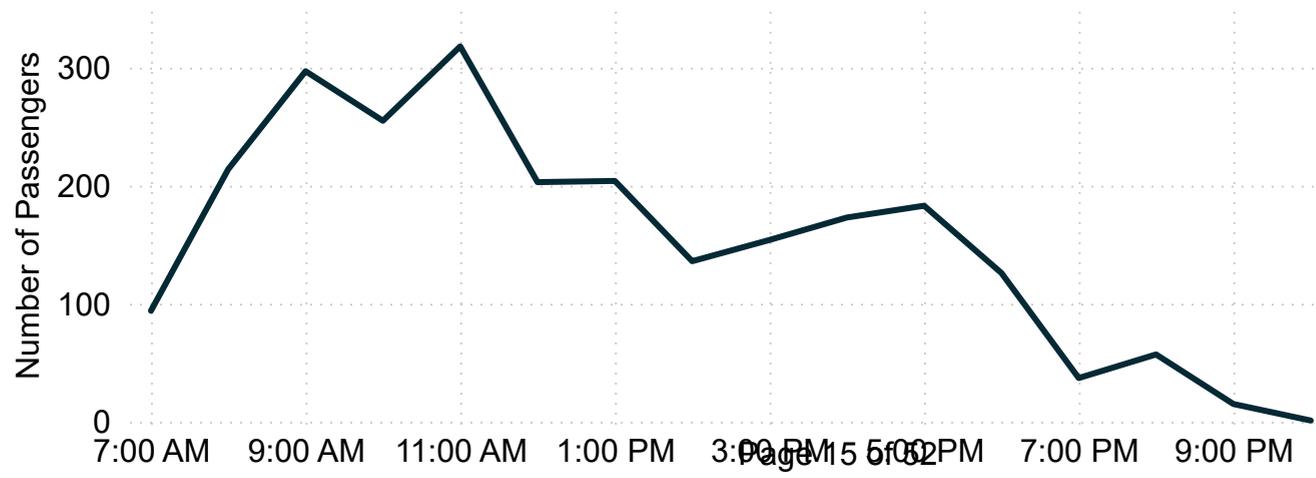
Average Time On-Board (min)
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Daily Ridership

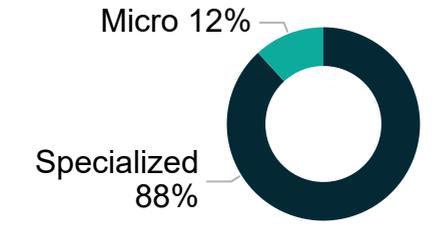
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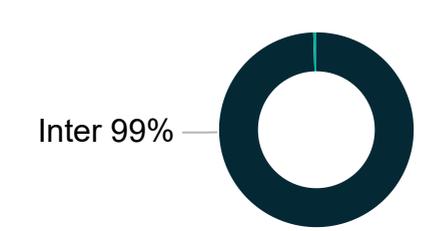
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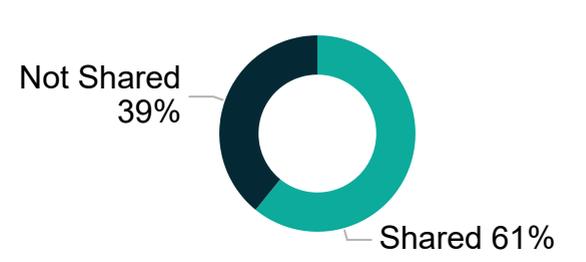
Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



Booking Method	Day Of	Pre-Booked	Total
Agent	28	895	923
App	129	766	895
Subscription		328	328
Total	157	1989	2146

NT+ (Contract) Voyago 2025 (Q4) Service Metrics - Niagara-on-the-Lake

Power BI Desktop

Number of Passengers
9,352

Number of Trips
8,978

Number of Accessible Trips
174

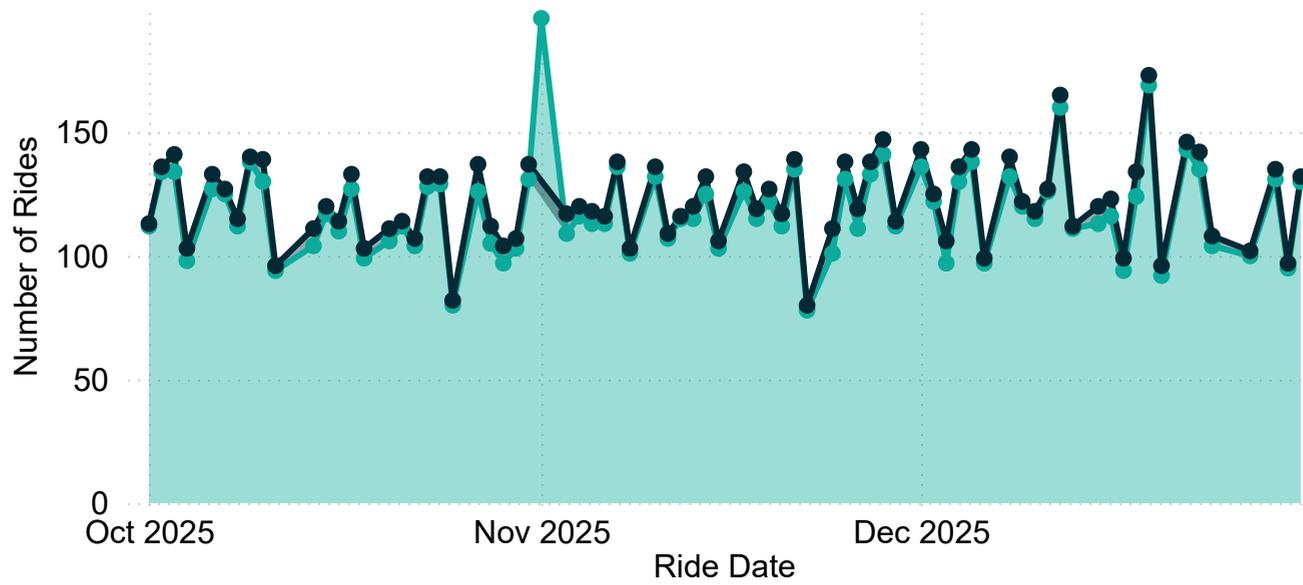
Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device
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Average Direct Distance (km)
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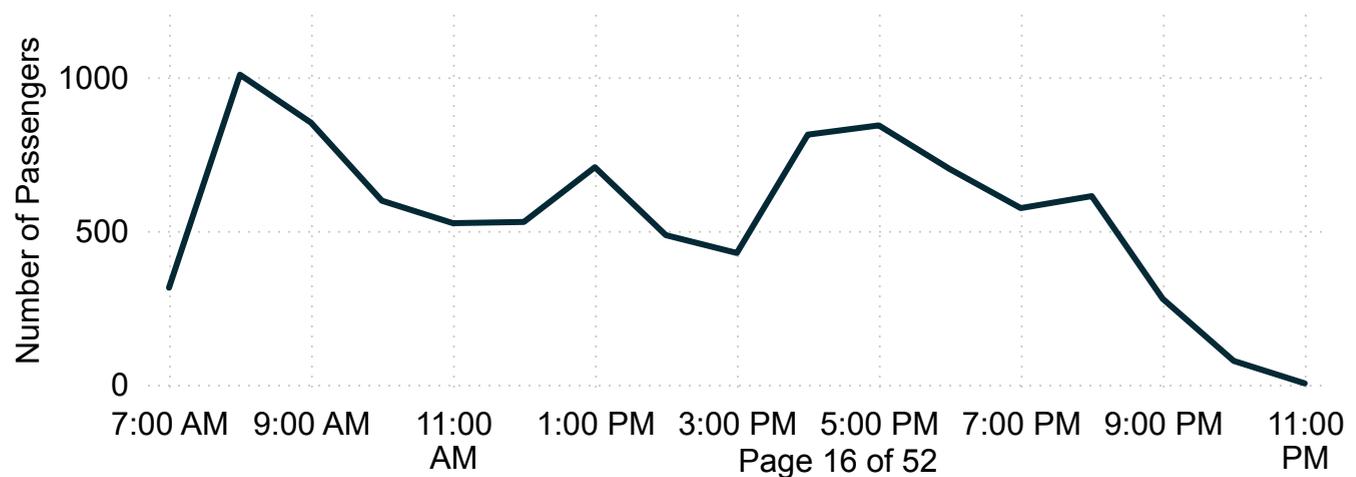
Average Time On-Board (min)
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Daily Ridership

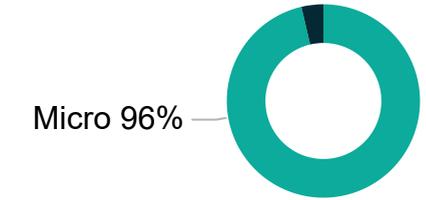
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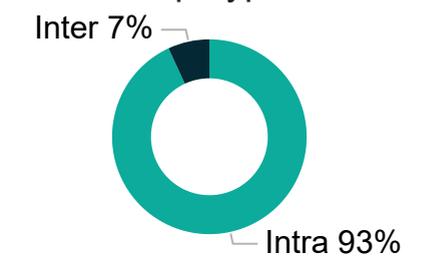
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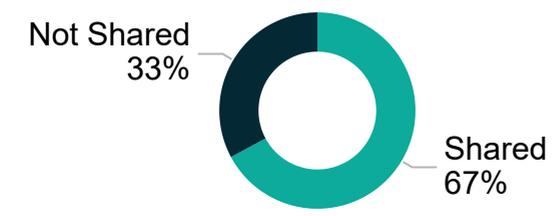
Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



Booking Method	Day Of	Pre-Booked	Total
Agent	100	195	295
App	4251	4278	8529
Subscription		59	59
Total	4351	4532	8883

NT+ (Contract) Voyago 2025 (Q4) Service Metrics - Pelham

Power BI Desktop

Number of Passengers
1,670

Number of Trips
1,597

Number of Accessible Trips
223

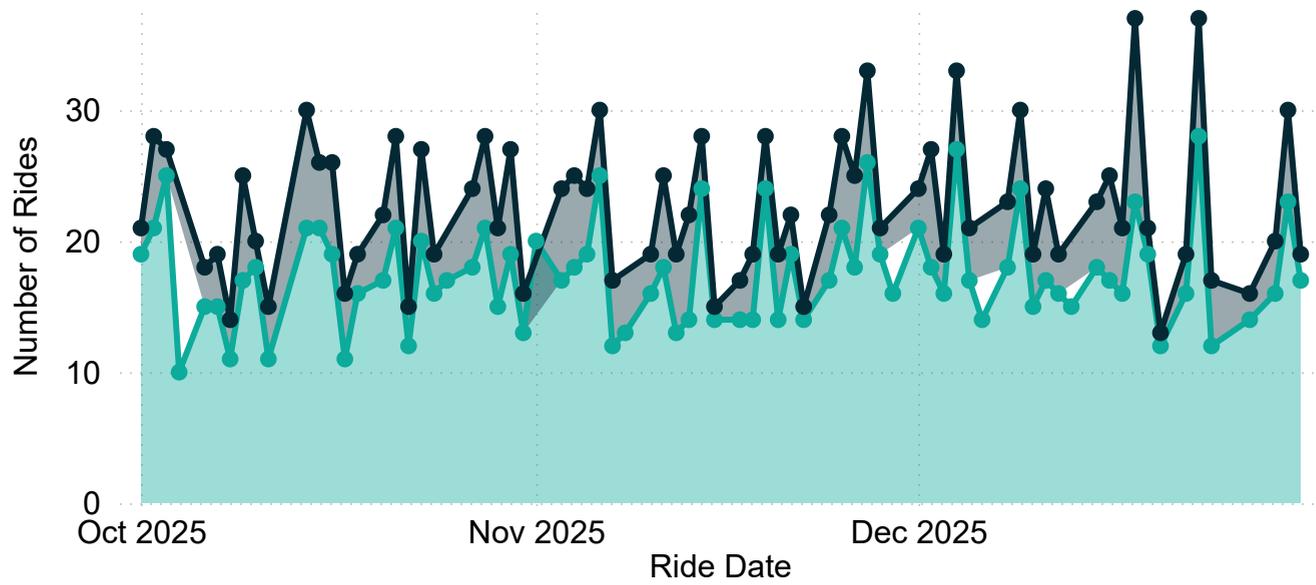
Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device
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Average Direct Distance (km)
11.07

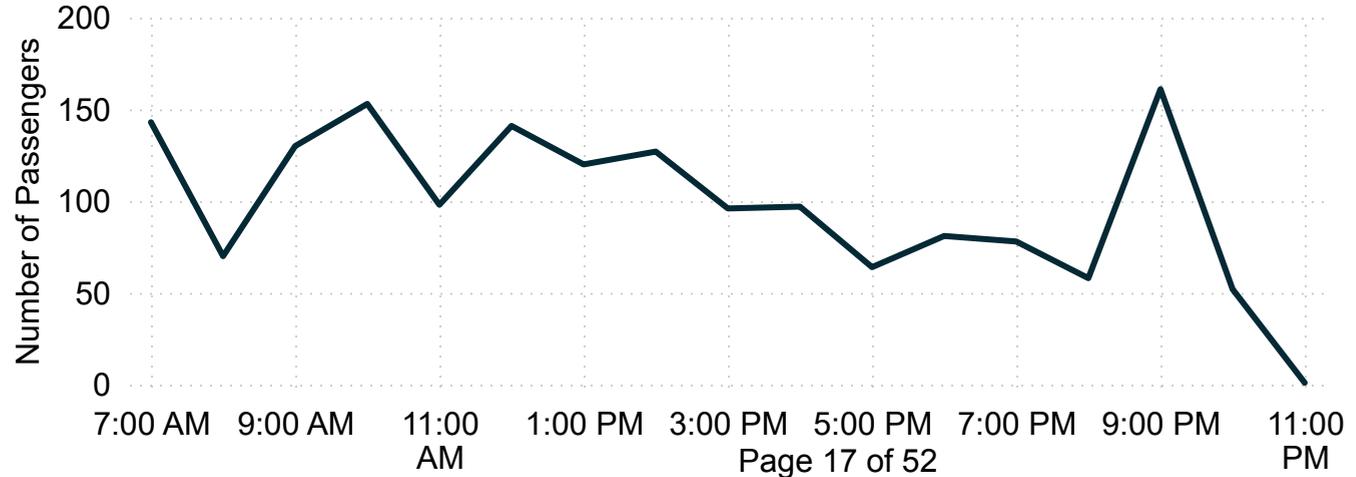
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Daily Ridership

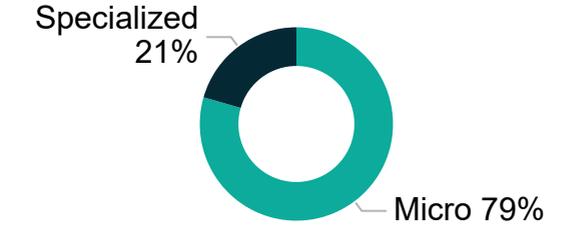
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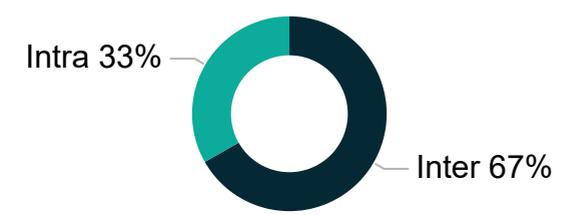
Peak Hours



Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



Booking Method	Day Of	Pre-Booked	Total
Subscription		62	62
App	588	699	1287
Agent	20	218	238
Total	608	979	1587

NT+ (Contract) Voyago 2025 (Q4) Service Metrics - Port Colborne

Power BI Desktop

Number of Passengers
4,417

Number of Trips
4,022

Number of Accessible Trips
244

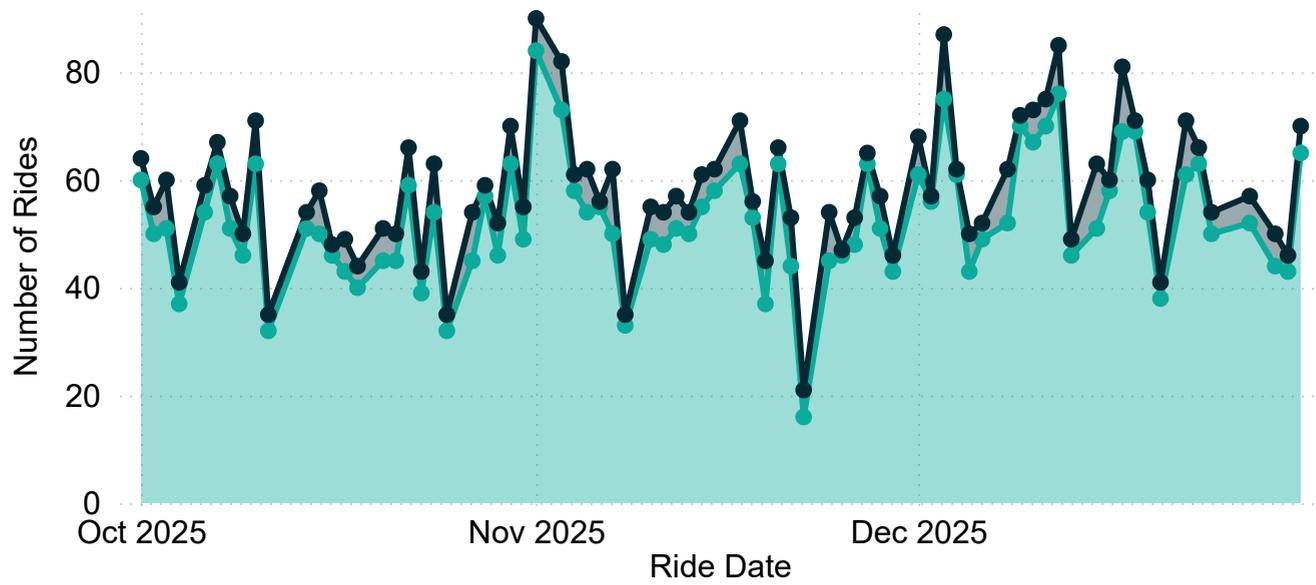
Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device
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Average Direct Distance (km)
5.82

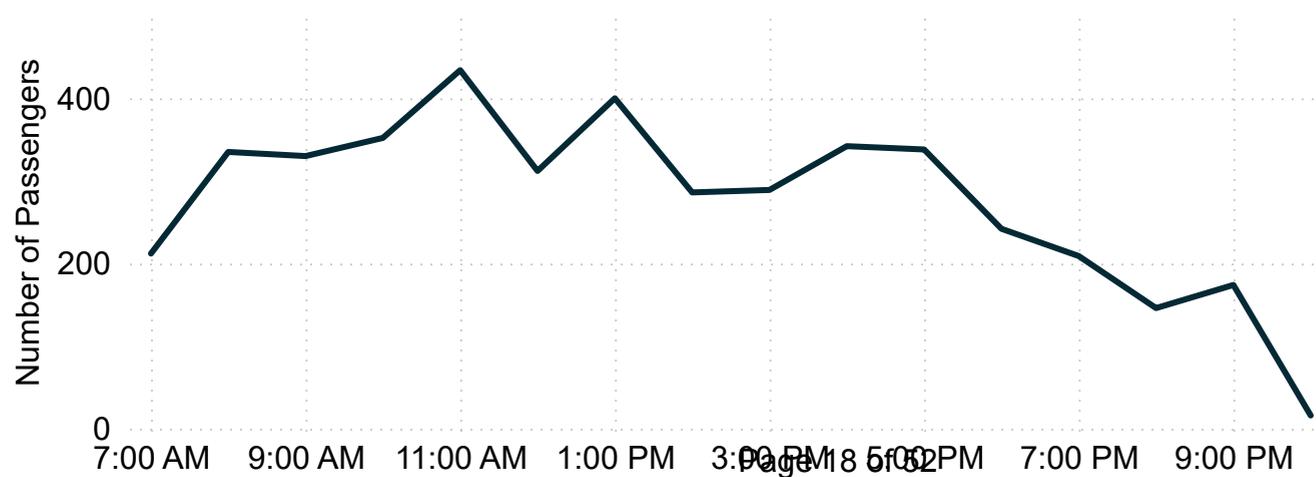
Average Time On-Board (min)
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Daily Ridership

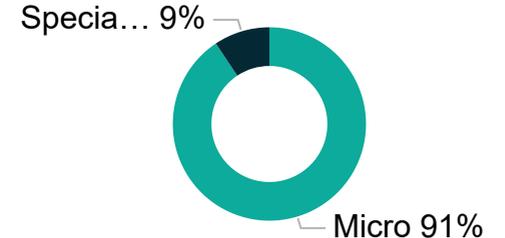
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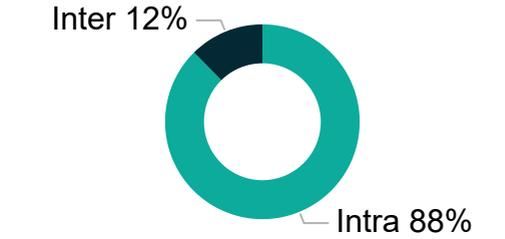
Peak Hours



Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



Booking Method	Day Of	Pre-Booked	Total
Agent	280	316	596
App	2079	1096	3175
Subscription		213	213
Total	2359	1625	3984

NT+ (Contract) Voyago 2025 (Q4) Service Metrics - St. Catharines

Power BI Desktop

Number of Passengers

4,433

Number of Trips

4,025

Number of Accessible Trips

682

Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device

18

Average Direct Distance (km)

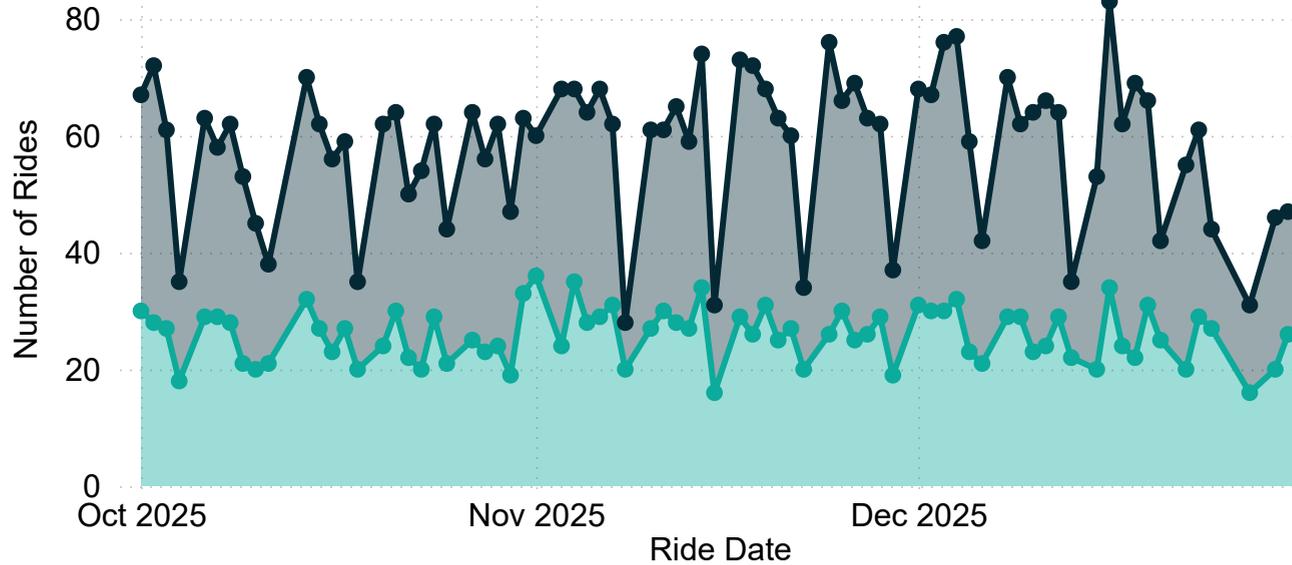
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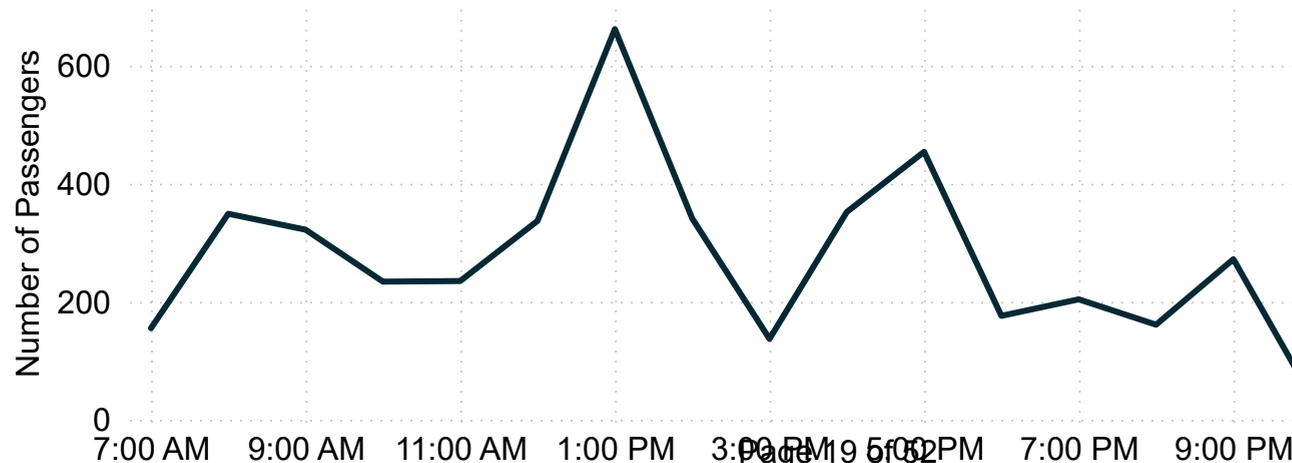
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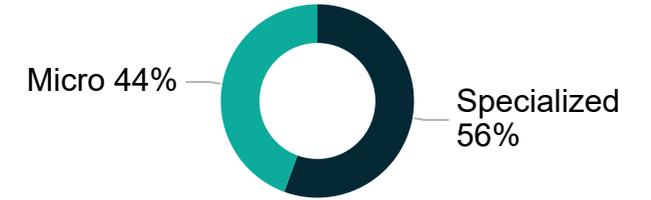
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Peak Hours



Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



Booking Method	Day Of	Pre-Booked	Total
Agent	72	909	981
App	535	2122	2657
Subscription		360	360
Total	607	3391	3998

NT+ (Contract) Voyago 2025 (Q4) Service Metrics - Thorold

Power BI Desktop

Number of Passengers

1,388

Number of Trips

1,187

Number of Accessible Trips

492

Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device

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Average Direct Distance (km)

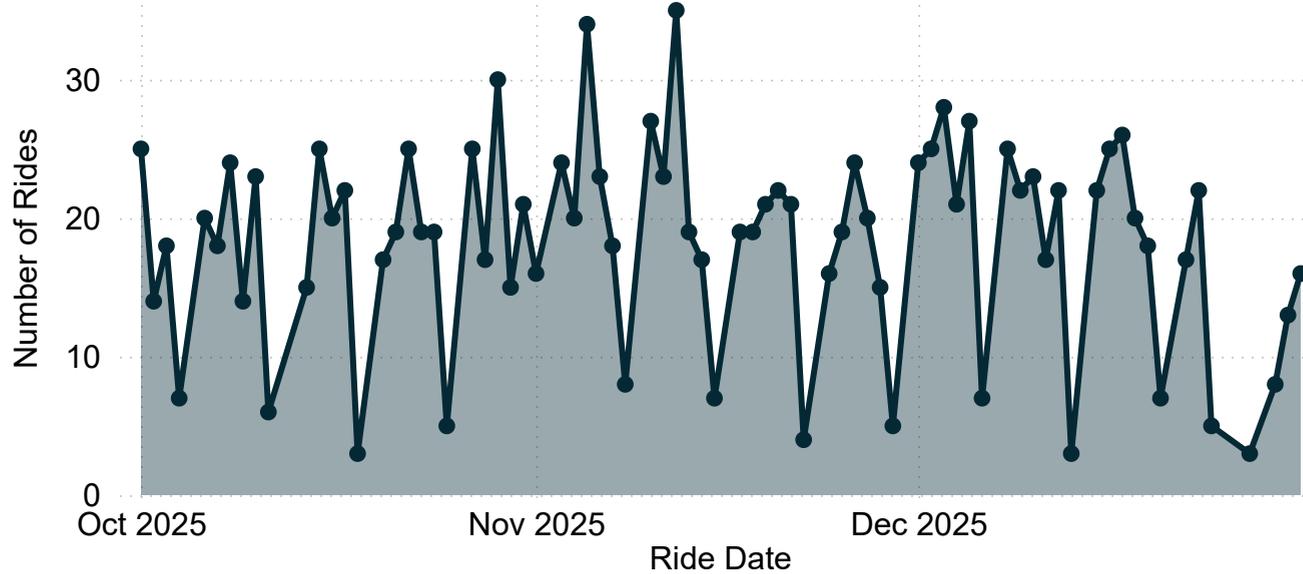
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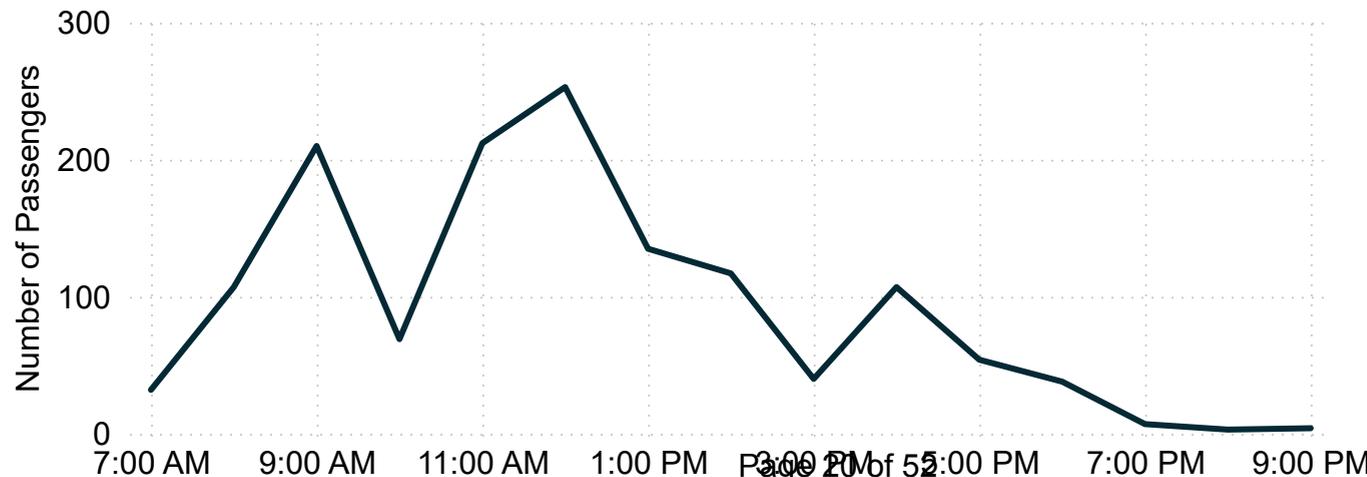
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Daily Ridership

● Specialized



Peak Hours



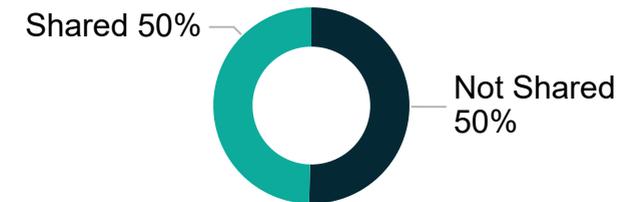
Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



Booking Method	Day Of	Pre-Booked	Total
Agent	16	440	456
App	21	631	652
Subscription		74	74
Total	37	1145	1182

NT+ (Contract) Voyago 2025 (Q4) Service Metrics - Wainfleet

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Number of Passengers
166

Number of Trips
141

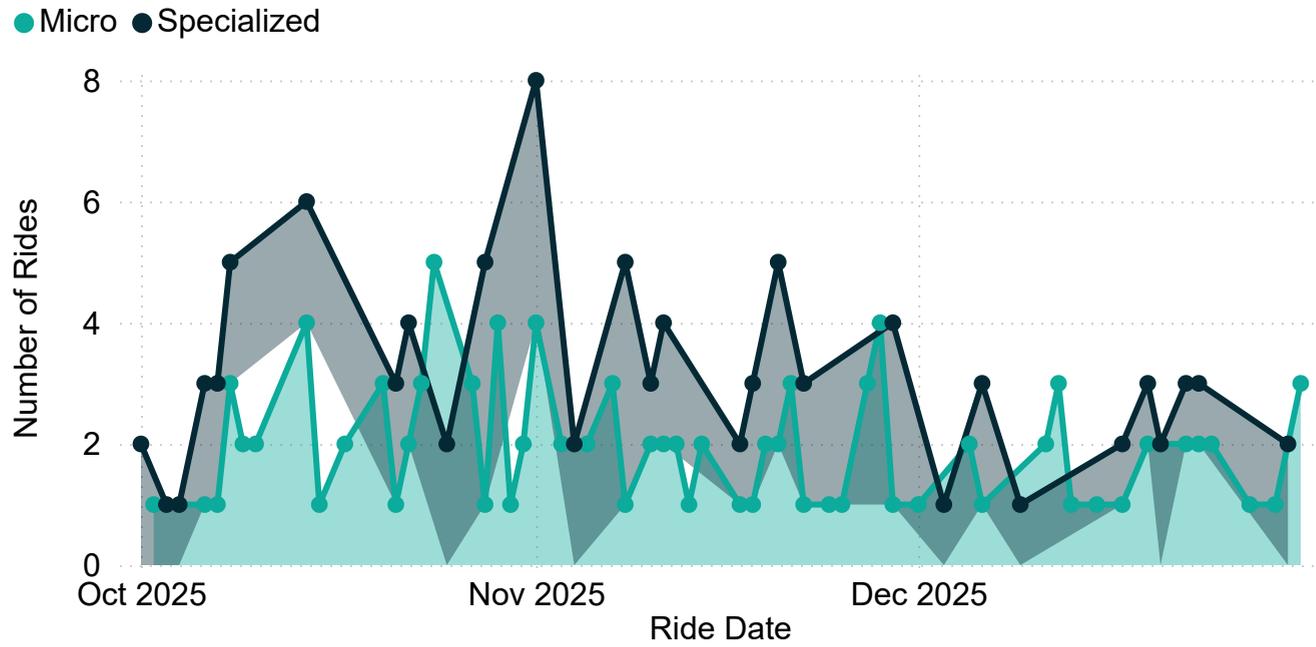
Number of Accessible Trips
35

Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device
4

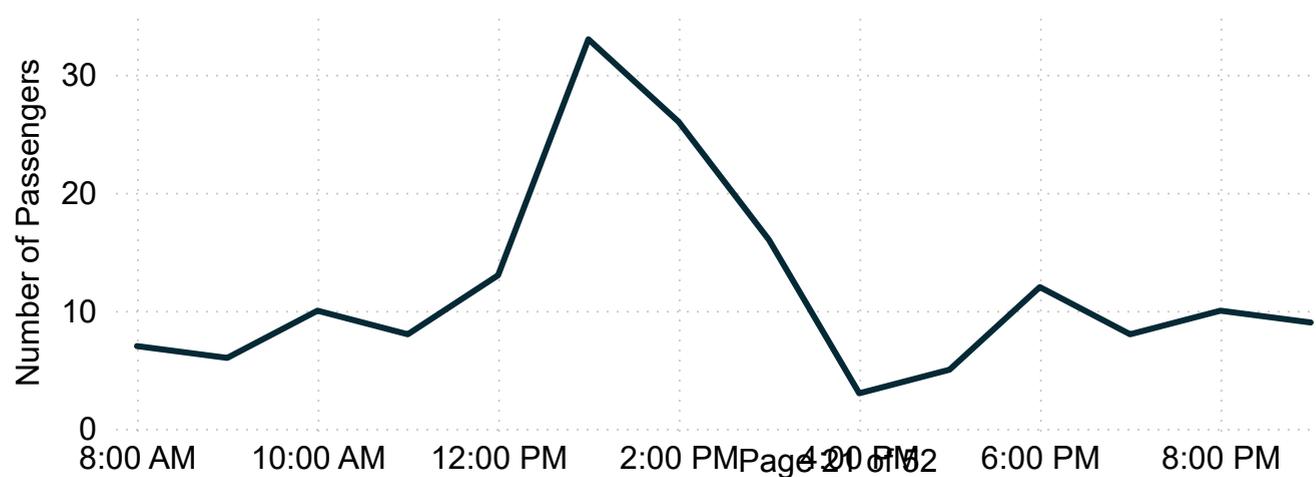
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Average Time On-Board (min)
28.87

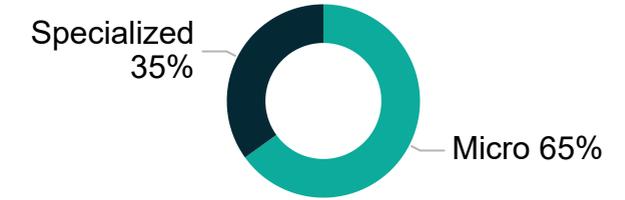
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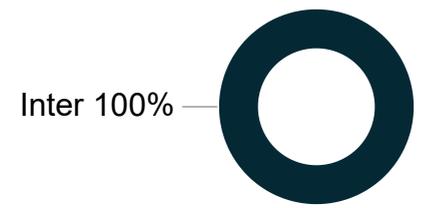
Peak Hours



Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



Booking Method	Day Of	Pre-Booked	Total
Agent	2	24	26
App	22	90	112
Total	24	114	138

NT+ (Contract) Voyago 2025 (Q4) Service Metrics - Welland

Power BI Desktop

Number of Passengers

2,672

Number of Trips

2,361

Number of Accessible Trips

728

Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device

11

Average Direct Distance (km)

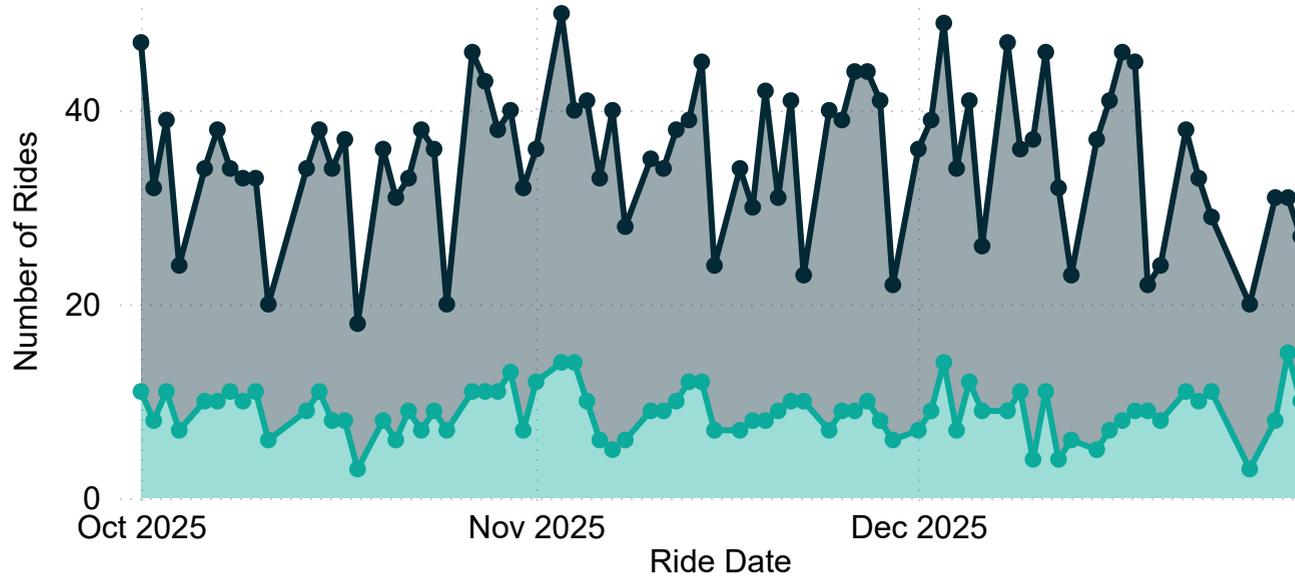
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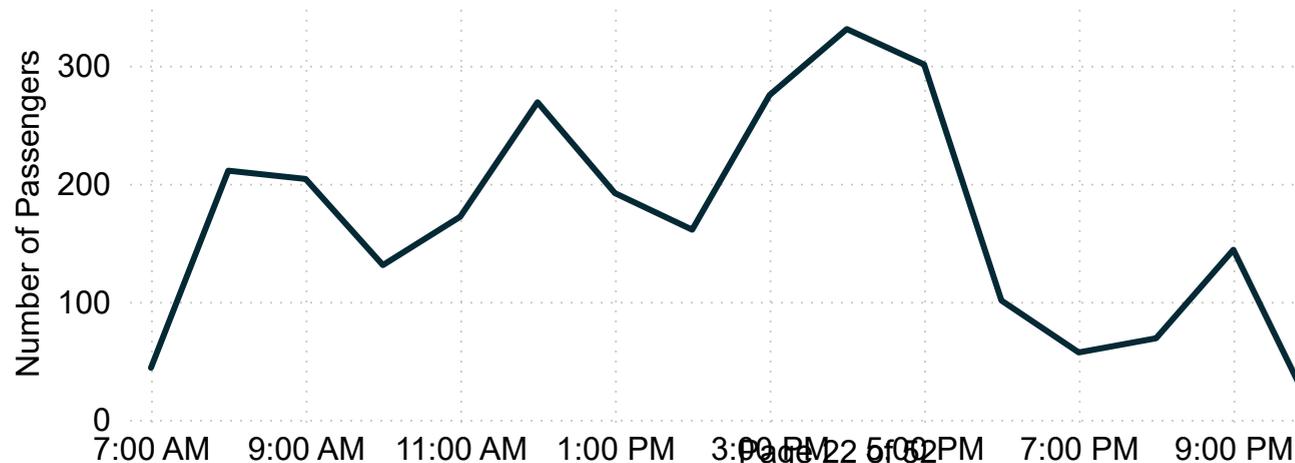
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Daily Ridership

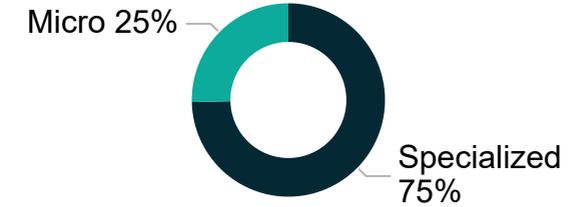
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Peak Hours



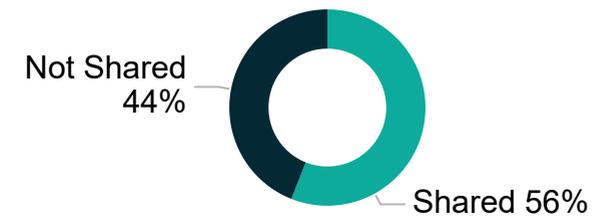
Service Type



Trip Type



Trip Utilization



Booking Method	Day Of	Pre-Booked	Total
Agent	55	803	858
App	199	959	1158
Subscription		329	329
Total	254	2091	2345

NT+ (Contract) Voyago 2025 (Q4) Service Metrics - West Lincoln

Power BI Desktop

Number of Passengers
676

Number of Trips
644

Number of Accessible Trips
32

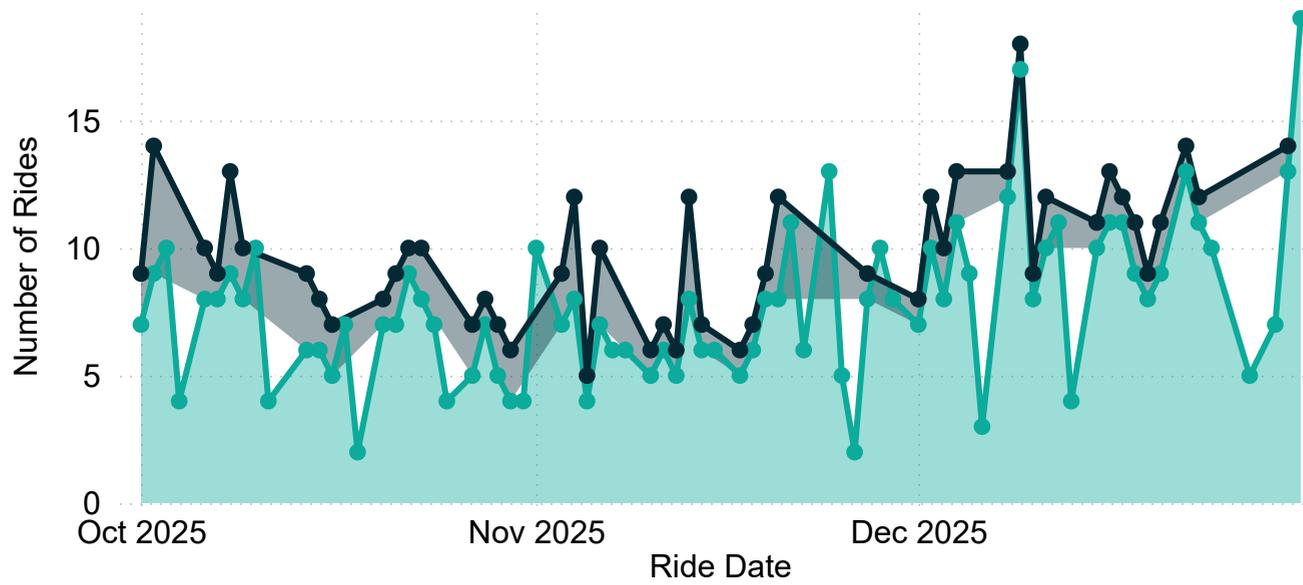
Number of Micro Trips with an Accessibility Device
20

Average Direct Distance (km)
25.01

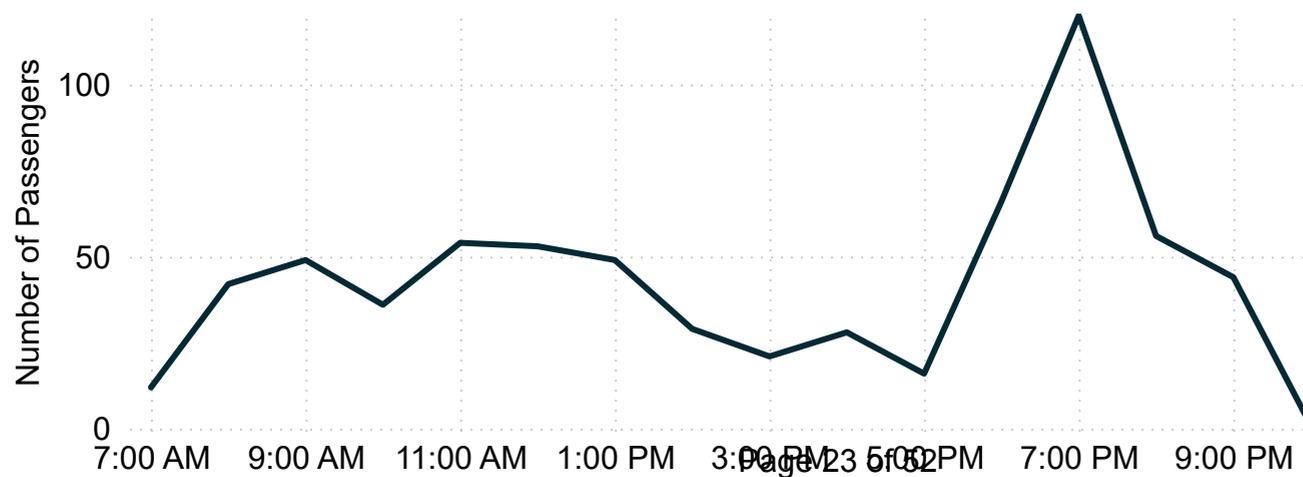
Average Time On-Board (min)
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Daily Ridership

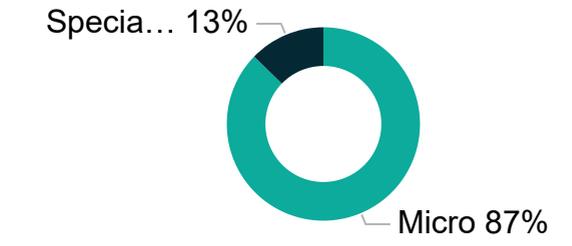
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Peak Hours



Service Type



Trip Type



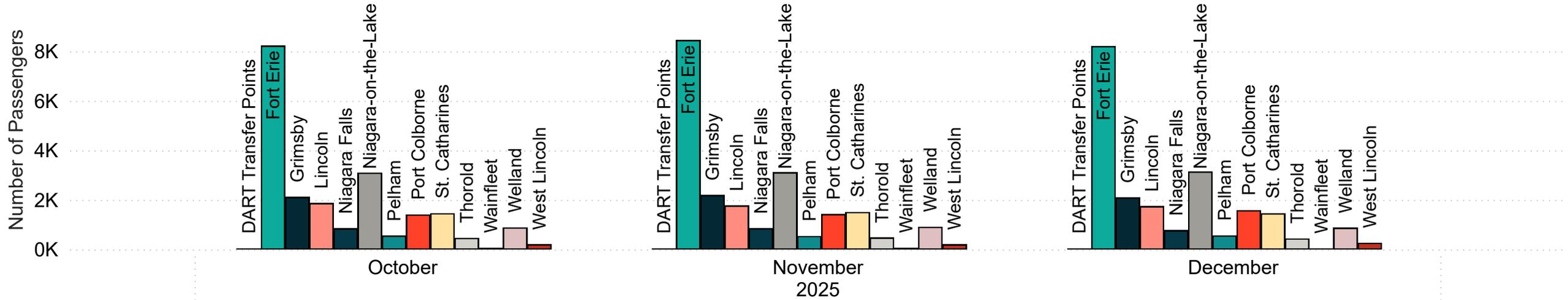
Trip Utilization



Booking Method	Day Of	Pre-Booked	Total
Agent	3	31	34
App	155	450	605
Total	158	481	639

Overall NT+ (Contract) Voyago Trip Origin Metrics - 2025 (Q4)

Ridership By Trip Origin



Origin Municipality	DART Transfer Points	Fort Erie	Grimsby	Lincoln	Niagara College Welland Campus	Niagara Falls	Niagara-on-the-Lake	Pelham	Port Colborne	St. Catharines	Thorold	Wainfleet
DART Transfer Points		4	2	4		5				13		
Fort Erie	4	24160				271	7	1	167	129	37	
Grimsby	5		4215	1007		8		46	12	836	16	3
Lincoln	4		1121	2290		6	2	57	4	1624	27	7
Niagara Falls	4	223	8	6	9	13	372	7	13	796	302	2
Niagara-on-the-Lake		6	1	2		390	8707	11		200	29	
Pelham			42	45		6	11	555	4	265	19	9
Port Colborne	1	103	11			10		9	3869	22	13	51
St. Catharines	12	124	823	1315	21	741	261	247	20		332	15
Thorold		34	13	25	19	294	33	25	11	358	437	14
Wainfleet			3	2		1		6	7	21	20	
Welland	8	109	11	164		714	5	664	328	390	127	94
West Lincoln			181	145		9	1	36	6	155	40	8
Total	38	24763	6431	5005	49	2468	9399	1664	4441	4809	1399	203

Glossary

- **Agent Booking Method** - Rides that are booked by phoning in and speaking with a customer service representative
- **App Booking Method** - Rides that are booked by using the Niagara Transit Plus application on a mobile device
- **Average Direct Distance** - The average distance in kilometres it would take to drive directly from origin to destination without any stops
- **Average Time On-Board** - The average time a passenger is spending on-board the vehicle
- **Day of Booking Type** - Rides that are booked on the same day of use
- **Inter Trip Type** - Rides that travel from one municipality to another, crossing municipal boundaries
- **Intra Trip Type** - Rides that stay within the municipal boundary in which the trip originated
- **Micro Daily Ridership** - Number of passengers taking micro transit trips per day
- **Micro Service Type** - Number of trips that are using the micro transit service
- **Number of Accessible** - Number of trips that are using either the micro or specialized transit service that are accessible, where the passenger is using a mobility device
- **Number of Micro Trips with Accessible Device** - Number of trips using the micro transit service that are accessible, where the passenger is using a mobility device
- **Number of Passengers** - Total number of passengers that have completed trips
- **Number of Trips** - Total number of trips being completed
- **Peak Hours** - Hours of the day that have the highest demand for ridership
- **Pre-Book Booking Type** - Rides that are booked in advance of the requested trip day
- **Specialized Daily Ridership** - Number of passengers taking specialized transit trips per day
- **Specialized Service Type** - Number of trips that are using the specialized transit service
- **Subscription Booking Method** - Trips that are booked once and happen on a recurring schedule ie. trips to dialysis

March 2, 2026

Mayor and Council
City of Welland
60 East Main St.
Welland, ON
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Dear Mayor Campion and Council,

I am pleased to share with you the new policy, adopted by the Niagara Transit Commission Board at our February 17th, 2026 meeting, outlining the procedure for requests for enhanced transit service by local area municipalities (LAMs). This policy was developed in response to the growing number of requests since the amalgamation of Niagara Transit in 2023. It will provide structure and clarity and ensure that local municipalities have a defined process for future requests.

While this policy provides clarity for the requests for enhanced services from LAMs, it is important to note that this policy does not supersede the role of the Board and Regional Council. Decisions on Niagara Transit's service levels and its budget will continue to reside with the NTC Board, to be approved by Regional Council.

This policy does not apply to requests for reductions in service. Niagara Transit is committed to enhancing transit service across the Niagara Region and reductions to service will only be identified by Niagara Transit staff and, if needed, presented to the NTC Board of Directors for their consideration.

The process for requests is as follows:

1. Local Area Municipality (LAM) Request for Information Motion

- 1.1** To initiate the process, the LAM must pass a motion requesting information from Niagara Transit on enhanced service.

Note: In any case where it is not apparent that the NTC Board member representing the LAM initiating the request is aware of the request, NTC staff are required to notify them immediately.

- 1.2** The motion must be specific about the services or areas of the municipality where service enhancement is being sought.
- 1.3** Niagara Transit staff will aid the LAM's council, councillor(s) or staff in drafting this motion.
- 1.4** A copy of the Request for Information Motion must then be provided by the LAM Clerk to the NTC Board of Directors as formal correspondence.
- 1.5** The NTC Board must approve the request for information prior to staff preparing a proposal/options.

2. Preparation of Proposal/Options

- 2.1** The proposal/options will be drafted by Niagara Transit staff and will include details of the enhanced service, associated costs to the LAM, projected timelines for the service enhancements, any information related to the proposed enhancements' impact on other areas of the Niagara Transit system, and any other relevant information as determined by Transit staff.
- 2.2** The proposal/options will:
 - 2.2.1** Align with the current Niagara Transit Master Plan, as approved by the NTC Board of Directors
 - 2.2.2** Meet the minimum thresholds set out in the Niagara Transit service standards
 - 2.2.3** Not create gaps in service

3. Niagara Transit Presentation of Service Enhancement or Options

- 3.1** Niagara Transit will make a presentation to the LAM requesting the service enhancement at a meeting of their Council.
- 3.2** The presentation must include details of the enhanced service, associated projected costs to the LAM, projected timelines for the service enhancements, any information related to the proposed enhancement(s)

impact on other areas of the Niagara Transit system, and any other relevant information as determined by Transit staff.

4. Local Area Municipality Enhancement Request Motion

- 4.1** For the enhancement(s) to be adopted into the Niagara Transit budget process the LAM council must pass a motion explicitly endorsing the proposed solution or option(s) provided by Niagara Transit staff.
- 4.2** Niagara Transit staff will aid the LAM's council, councillor(s) or staff in drafting this motion.

5. Budget Inclusion

- 5.1** A copy of the Enhancement Request Motion must then be provided by the LAM Clerk to the NTC Board of Directors as formal correspondence.
- 5.2** Niagara Transit staff will then incorporate the endorsed enhancement into the LAM's local service in the next budget cycle, or a future budget cycle where appropriate.
- 5.3** The enhancement must then be finalized through the normal NTC budget cycle up to and including the requirement of full approval by Niagara Regional Council on the matter.

To initiate the process or if you have any questions, please contact Jordan Hambleton, Chief of Staff at jordan.hambleton@niagaratransit.ca.

We look forward to working with you to create a truly connected Niagara.

Sincerely,



Carla Stout
General Manager, Niagara Transit



**TOWNSHIP OF
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March 4, 2026

RE: OMERS Governance Changes and Bill 68

Dear Honourable Rob Flack and Honourable Peter Bethenfalvy,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on March 4th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus.

Resolution No: 2026-03-04-04
Moved by: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

"Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus resolution regarding OMERS Governance Changes and Bill 68, as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, Minister of Finance, EOWC MPPs, and AMO."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

Resolution: OMERS Governance Changes and Bill 68

Moved by: Warden Jennifer Murphy, Renfrew County

Seconded by: Warden Mario Zanth, United Counties of Prescott and Russell

“WHEREAS the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) Pension Fund serves over 1,000 employers and over half a million employees and retirees from diverse groups including: municipal governments, school boards, libraries, police and fire departments, children’s aid societies, and electricity distribution companies; and

WHEREAS the long-standing jointly-sponsored governance model with two corporate boards has provided stability, accountability, and fairness for both plan members and employers for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has passed legislative changes to OMERS' governance structure through Bill 68; and

WHEREAS these changes would replace the current OMERS Sponsors Corporation with a new Sponsors Council that would lose its corporate status and independent resources; and

WHEREAS the proposed model could allow pension decisions affecting municipal employers and employees to be made without meaningful municipal oversight, increasing financial risk for municipalities and local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS municipalities are already under significant financial strain and cannot absorb additional pension costs without consequences for property taxes or local services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus does not support the legislative changes to the *OMERS Act* contained in Bill 68 and requests that the Government of Ontario reconsider the advisability of proceeding with these changes;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in calling on the Government of Ontario to maintain the current OMERS governance model,

with two corporate Boards, as the structure that would best deliver on the long-term interests of municipalities, taxpayers, and employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to:

- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs;
- The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance;
- EOWC regional MPPs: Billy Denault, Dave Smith, David Piccini, John Jordan, Laurie Scott Nolan Quinn, Ric Bresee, Steve Clark, Stephane Sarrazin, Ted Hsu, Tyler Allsopp; and
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)."

CARRIED

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bonnie Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B' and a long, sweeping underline.

Signed by: **Bonnie Clark, EOWC Chair**
Warden of Peterborough County

Info@eowc.org

January 8, 2026



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March 4, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

RE: Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario

Dear: Honourable Doug Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on March 4th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from Tay Valley Township.

Resolution No: 2026-03-04-05
Moved by: Councillor Kauffeldt
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Tay Valley Township's resolution regarding Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario, as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier Ford, Leader of the Official Opposition Party and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk, Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



Tay Valley Township

October 24, 2025

The Honorable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Sent by Email

Dear: Honorable Doug Ford,

RE: Municipality of Tweed – Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario.

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting held on October 21st, 2025 adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2025-10-22

MOVED BY: Fred Dobbie
SECONDED BY: Marilyn Thomas

"WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township Support the Municipality of Tweed's resolution regarding waste incineration and a more Robust Recycling Program;

AND WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the members of council, MPP's and MPs to make the decisions that will result in the most positive outcomes for now and future generations;

AND WHEREAS, with large urban centres now looking in rural areas of our province and entire country for lands to bury their garbage waste;

AND WHEREAS, a large landfill site owned by a large urban centre which receives 50% of their garbage at the present time is expected to be full by 2029 creating more environmental impacts;

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AND WHEREAS, continuing to bury garbage in the ground will result in our future generations having lost potable groundwater as a result of garbage leachate rendering it unusable;

AND WHEREAS, burying garbage, particularly organic waste in landfills, leads to the production of methane a greenhouse gas, which escapes into the atmosphere and contributes to climate change causing more environmental destruction;

AND WHEREAS, we continue to destroy our environment jeopardizing our future generations;

AND WHEREAS, we have worldwide technology that will allow us the use of clean incineration and also produce much needed electric energy;

AND WHEREAS, the incineration of household and other municipal waste has a long tradition in Germany, which currently has 156 municipal thermal waste incineration facilities with an aggregate annual capacity of around 25 million tons;

AND WHEREAS, with a strong focus on community involvement, innovative infrastructure, and sustainable practices, Germany has set a high bar for municipal recycling programs that the rest of the world can learn from and emulate;

AND WHEREAS, at the present time, Germany recycles 66.1% of its garbage waste at a municipal level. This places the country as the most effective and prominent country when it comes to recycling in the entire world. This highlights the citizen's strength and motivation to deal with environmental issues on a daily basis;

AND WHEREAS, German schools often integrate recycling education into their curriculum. This early exposure to the importance of recycling instills a sense of responsibility in the younger generation, creating a culture of sustainability that transcends generations;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of Tay Valley Township support the Municipality of Tweed in investigating the possibility of working together with Ontario Municipalities, Provincial and Federal Governments and manufacturing partners to form a working group to ensure that waste disposal issues can be resolved quickly, efficiently and effectively with the use of incineration, more robust recycling programs and sustainable practices, so that future generations will not suffer from our environmental mismanagement;

AND THAT, this support be sent to Premier Ford, Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition Party, and all Ontario Municipalities."

ADOPTED



If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aaron Watt".

Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

cc: Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition Party,
All Municipalities in Ontario



The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

March 9, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation

Re: Municipal Support for School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, at its meeting on March 2, 2026 passed the following resolution:

R52-2026

Moved by Councillor Terry Holmes
Seconded by Councillor Mark Allen

That the correspondence from the Township of Larder Lake regarding School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems is received for information;
AND FURTHER that the Council for the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan hereby supports the Township of Larder Lake's call on the Province of Ontario to provide municipalities with the necessary funding tools, legislative support, and implementation guidance to advance school bus stop-arm camera systems and complementary child-safety initiatives across Ontario.

CARRIED.

A copy of the original correspondence from the Mayor of the Township of Larder Lake is enclosed for your reference.

Yours truly,
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

Liz Ross
Deputy Clerk

Cc: Township of Larder Lake
All Ontario Municipalities

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February 11th, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford

Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria

Minister of Transportation, Province of Ontario

Re: Municipal Support for School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

On behalf of the Municipality of Larder Lake, I am writing to express our strong support for enhanced school bus safety measures across Ontario, including the implementation of school bus stop-arm camera systems and other child-safety technologies.

Illegal passing of stopped school buses remains a serious and widespread issue throughout the province, occurring an estimated 30,000 times per day. These violations place children at unacceptable risk and continue to result in preventable injuries and fatalities. Municipalities require effective, modern enforcement tools to address this dangerous behaviour.

The Municipality of Larder Lake supports provincial investment in and expansion of school bus stop-arm camera systems under Part XIV.3 (School Bus Camera Systems) of the *Highway Traffic Act*. These systems have demonstrated success in deterring illegal passing, improving driver compliance, and strengthening accountability. Provincial funding and implementation support would help ensure municipalities of all sizes can deploy this technology equitably.

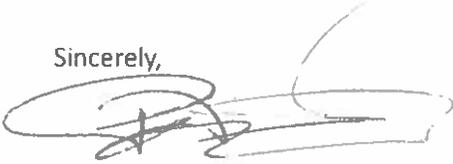
We also support the Let's Remember Adam – Stop for the School Bus campaign, launched in memory of Adam Ranger, a five-year-old child who tragically lost his life when a driver failed to stop for a school bus displaying its flashing lights and stop arm. This tragedy highlights the urgent need for continued public education, enforcement, and the use of technology to better protect children travelling to and from school.

We respectfully call on the Province of Ontario to provide municipalities with the necessary funding tools, legislative support, and implementation guidance to advance school bus stop-arm camera systems and complementary child-safety initiatives across Ontario.

Protecting children on our roads is a shared responsibility. Through strong provincial leadership and municipal partnership, meaningful progress can be made to prevent further tragedies and enhance road safety for families across Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Patricia Quinn', written over a faint, light-colored rectangular stamp or watermark.

Patricia Quinn, Mayor, Municipality of Larder Lake

cc:

The Honourable Steve Clark, Government House Leader, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Municipalities

Whereas the Province of Ontario has implemented the Blue Box Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) framework, transferring responsibility for municipal recycling to producer responsibility organizations and their contractors, including Circular Materials Ontario;

And Whereas Circular Materials Ontario has engaged multiple private collection contractors to deliver recycling services to municipalities across Ontario, including those within the Regional Municipality of York;

And Whereas municipalities throughout Ontario are experiencing inconsistent recycling collection service levels under the new EPR model, including differences in collection frequency, missed collections, accepted materials, cart provision, contamination management, customer service response times, and contractor accountability;

And Whereas residents in some municipalities are receiving reduced or inferior recycling collection services compared to others, despite participating in the same provincial Blue Box program;

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And That this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, all Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and Circular Materials Ontario and all Mayors of Ontario

Regards,

Christopher Raynor (he/him) | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services Department

The Regional Municipality of York | 17250 Yonge Street | Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1
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NORTH DUMFRIES

106 Earl Thompson Road, 3rd Floor
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March 11, 2026

Sent via Email:

Premier of Ontario, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MPP Brian Riddell, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario

RE: Resolution – Support for Bill 21, Protect our Food Act, 2025

Please be advised, at the Council Meeting held on March 9, 2026 the Township of North Dumfries Council considered the enclosed resolution received from the Township of Southgate regarding Support for Bill 21, Protect our Food Act, 2025 and adopted the following resolution:

“THAT the Resolution received from the Township of Southgate regarding Support for Bill 21, Protect our Food Act, 2025 be received;

WHEREAS arable land is a critical finite resource; and

WHEREAS Ontario loses as much as 319 acres of farmland a day; and

WHEREAS Ontario’s farmland provides food, fiber and fuel to all of Ontario and beyond;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of North Dumfries support Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025 and strongly urges the provincial government to support this and every measure to protect our farmland, to aggressively prevent further losses and to ensure the future of agriculture in Ontario for future generations; and

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MPP Brian Riddell, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario.”

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ashley Good". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ashley Good, Clerk
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February 20, 2026

Re: Township of Southgate – Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025

Please be advised that at the February 18, 2026, regular Council meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate, approved the following:

No. 2026-073

Moved By Councillor Shipston

Seconded By Councillor Ferguson

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If you have any questions, please contact our office at (519) 923-2110.

Sincerely,



Lindsey Green, Clerk
Township of Southgate

CC: Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honourable Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture Food and Agribusiness
Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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MPP Paul Vickers – Bruce – Grey – Owen Sound
Senator Rob Black
Ontario Federation of Agriculture
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The Town of The Blue Mountains Council Meeting

Title: Edwardsburgh/Cardinal Resolution
Date: Monday, March 9, 2026
Time: 3:47 PM

Moved by: Councillor Ardiel
Seconded by: Councillor Porter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and supports the September 29, 2025 Resolution from the Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal regarding Support Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund;

AND THAT Council direct staff to circulate the attached resolution of support to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Francois-Phillippe Champagne, Minister of Finance, MPP Paul Vickers, MPP Brian Saunderson, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Small Urban Municipalities, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and all Ontario Municipalities

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

The motion is Carried

YES: 6

Deputy Mayor Bordignon	Councillor Ardiel	Councillor Hope	Councillor Maxwell
Councillor McKinlay	Councillor Porter		

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

Mayor Matrosovs

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL

Resolution Number 2025-253

September 29, 2025

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal acknowledges that municipal infrastructure—roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems—underpins public safety, economic vitality and quality of life in Ontario’s rural and small urban communities;

WHEREAS the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) was created in 2015 to assist small and rural municipalities facing infrastructure deficits that exceed their local revenue capacities;

WHEREAS in 2022 the Government of Ontario committed to increase the annual OCIF envelope from \$100 million to \$400 million over a five-year term, with that commitment scheduled to expire at the end of fiscal 2026;

WHEREAS fixed funding levels amid rising labour, materials and climate resilience costs have eroded the purchasing power of the \$400 million envelope, jeopardizing municipalities’ ability to deliver and sustain essential services without incurring unsustainable debt;

WHEREAS predictable, multi-year funding indexed to real-world cost drivers is critical for municipalities to develop, finance and execute long-term asset management plans, reduce emergency repairs and leverage complementary federal and private infrastructure financing;

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal requires a steadfast provincial partner to extend and enhance OCIF beyond 2026, ensuring infrastructure resilience, fiscal sustainability and equitable access for all small and rural municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal calls upon the Government of Ontario to extend the annual OCIF envelope at not less than \$400 million beyond its current five-year term ending in 2026, with no reductions in subsequent provincial budgets.
2. The Province be requested to index the total annual OCIF envelope—and each individual municipal allocation—to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI), calculated on a calendar-year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each fiscal year.
3. The Ministry of Infrastructure establish a new five-year OCIF funding framework that guarantees annual envelopes and allocation percentages by municipality, enabling long-term capital planning and stable cash-flow management.
4. The Province undertake a formal review of the OCIF allocation formula at least once every four years, incorporating current municipal asset management data,

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL

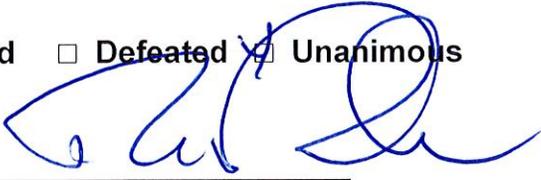
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demographic projections, climate resilience metrics and rural equity considerations.

5. A dedicated contingency reserve equal to 5 percent of the annual OCIF envelope be created within the fund to address extraordinary cost escalations, emergency repairs or project overruns without reallocating core funding.
6. The Ministry of Infrastructure publish an annual OCIF performance report—including program disbursements, allocation adjustments and reserve expenditures—in a transparent, publicly accessible online dashboard.
7. The Clerk of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal forward this resolution to:
 - o The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 - o The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
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 - o Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM)
 - o Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
 - o The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
 - o All upper- and lower-tier municipalities in Ontario

Carried Defeated Unanimous

Mayor: 

RECORDED VOTE REQUESTED BY: _____

NAME	YEA	NAY
Councillor J. Martelle		
Councillor W. Smail		
Councillor C. Ward		
Deputy Mayor S. Dillabough		
Mayor T. Deschamps		
TOTAL		



**The Town of The Blue Mountains
Council Meeting**

Title: Township of Southgate Resolution
Date: Monday, March 9, 2026
Time: 3:40 PM

Moved by: Councillor Ardiel
Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

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YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

The motion is Carried

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Councillor McKinlay Councillor Porter

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

Mayor Matrosovs

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