



Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 22, 2021

Closed Council Meeting

5:15 P.M.

Regular Council Meeting

Virtual

7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Mayor L. Armstrong, Councillors A. Hallman, C. Gordijk, B. Fisher, J. Gerber and J. Pfenning

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer S. Chambers, Director of Information and Legislative Services / Municipal Clerk D. Mittelholtz, Director of Corporate Services / Treasurer P. Kelly, Director of Parks, Facilities and Recreation S. Jackson, Director of Public Works and Engineering J. Molenhuis, Director of Development Services H. O’Krafka, Manager of Information and Legislative Services / Deputy Clerk T. Murray.

1. MOTION TO CONVENE INTO CLOSED MEETING

Resolution No. 2021-249

Moved by: Councillor J. Pfenning Seconded by: Councillor J. Gerber

THAT a Closed Meeting of Council be held on Monday, November 22, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. in accordance with Section 239(2), for the purposes of:

CARRIED.

2. MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN MEETING

Resolution No. 2021-250

Moved by: Councillor B. Fisher Seconded by: Councillor J. Pfenning

THAT Council reconvene in Open Session at 7:00 P.M.

CARRIED.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

4. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

4.1. Councillor B. Fisher read the Territorial Acknowledgement.

5. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

5.1 CORRESPONDANCE – Item 13.1 Prioritization of OHIP Covered Eye Care be added to the Agenda.

Resolution No. 2021-251

Moved by: Councillor J. Pfenning Seconded by: Councillor A. Hallman

THAT Item 13.1 be added to the agenda under CORRESPONDANCE as Prioritization of OHIP Covered Eye Care be added to the Agenda.

CARRIED.

6. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution No. 2021-252

Moved by: Councillor A. Hallman Seconded by: Councillor B. Fisher

THAT the Agenda, as presented, for November 22, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED.

7. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

7.1 None Disclosed

8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

8.1 Council Meetings Minutes Monday November 8, 2021

Resolution No. 2021-252

Moved by: Councillor J. Pfenning Seconded by: Councillor B. Fisher

THAT the minutes of the following meetings be adopted as presented:

Regular Council Meeting November 8, 2021.

CARRIED.

9. PUBLIC MEETINGS

10. PRESENTATIONS

10.1 Grand River Transit Service Enhancement

Blair Allen

10.1.1 REPORT NO. COR 2021-039

GRT Route 77 Service Expansion

Resolution No. 2021-253

Moved by: Councillor C. Gordijk

Seconded by: Councillor J. Pfenning

THAT the Township of Wilmot support a service expansion for Route 77 Wilmot commencing in September 2022, as recommended in Region of Waterloo 2022 Proposed Budget Issue Papers, at an estimated increase of \$80,000 which will form part of the Regional tax levy to the Township.

CARRIED.

The Director of Corporate Services outlined the report and introduced Blaine Allen. Mr. Allen provided an overview presentation, attached as Appendix A.

The Director of Corporate Services advised that the 2021 Levy for Route 77 allocated \$171,000, the proposed service starting in September of 2022 would increase the levy by approximately \$80,000. He advised that once the service is running for a full year the costs would be approximately \$230,000 excluding any revenues generated.

Mr. Allen clarified that new services are typically introduced in September of each year and that the budget outlined for 2022 allocates approximately 1/3 of the budget and to move that timeline would require further budget requirements and potential vehicle and staffing scheduling.

Mr. Allen advised that they are aware of additional service requests for evenings and weekends. He noted that budget does factor into the current service allotment and there are additional mid-day service and a small evening increase, noting that weekends require more resources.

Mr. Allen advised that the spike in ridership in 2019, some service changes and addition of ION did impact the entire network due to the awareness of transit. He noted that the decrease in ridership following that was due to the strike and then the impact of COVID.

Mr. Allen advised that expansion to the rural areas of the Townships are expected to be tested in 2022 in Breslau for on demand transit, which would then use that pilot project to determine how to be serve the rural areas.

Mr. Allen advised that bus shelter criteria is being updated and expected to be complete in early 2022. He advised that moving forward with technology, locations for bus shelters will be easier to identify. He advised that estimated costs, based on historical installations, are approximately \$15,000 for each location. He advised that the life expectancy of a bus shelter could potentially be 15 years, noting the glass and vandalism are a factor.

10.2 Snyder Drain Engineer Report

Joel Miller, K. Smart

10.2.1 REPORT NO. ILS 2021-42

Consideration of Drainage Engineer's Report

For the Snyder Drain, South Part of Lot 18, Concession North of Bleams Road, Township of Wilmot

Resolution No. 2021-254

Moved by: Councillor J. Pfenning Seconded by: Councillor C. Gordijk

THAT the Drainage Engineer's Report dated September 22, 2021 for the Snyder Drain requiring drainage for the South Part of Lot 18, Concession North of Bleams Road, Township of Wilmot, be received, and further;

THAT the Provisional By-law be given a first and second reading; and further,

THAT the date for the Court of Revision be scheduled and that Mayor L. Armstrong and Councillors B. Fisher, A. Hallman be appointed to the Court of Revision.

CARRIED.

The Manager of Information and Legislative Services / Deputy Clerk outlined the report and introduced Mr. Joel Miller, who provided an overview of the Engineer's Report. Mr. Miller showed a map of the proposed drain, advising that the proposed drain would

replace a privately maintained ditch and incorporating some existing piping, noting that the total service area is approximately 700 acres with an estimated cost of \$622,000. He advised that a standard requirement to screen for species at risk, which was done in part of preparing the report, and there were no species at risk identified for this particular service area.

Mr. Miller explained the benefits of below ground pipe installations can assist with erosion control, and making the most of the available land for agricultural uses. He noted that for this particular drain, there would be no negative environmental impacts.

Mr. Stewart Snyder appeared as a delegation, he advised that he is one of the 3 petitioners of this drain. He thanked K. Smart for the work they have done on this drain, noting that the only concern he has is that the Drainage Act references data for tile drains based on old information and he is concerned that with time a larger pipe will be required to adjust for the future developments in the area.

Mr. Miller explained that the approach taken on the pipe sizing is based on the guideline recently produced by OMAFRA, noting that the pipes are sized to allow for water to move downstream. Mr. Miller advised that the current practice has been in place since approximately 2010. He noted that at the time of tendering, a provisional option could be included to allow for quotes on other pipe sizes and that there are options to look at, at the time of construction.

Mr. Miller advised the drain is designed to allow for proposed developments and good stormwater management. Mr. Miller advised that the design also takes into consideration that the soccer fields remain as such and the Director of Parks, Facilities and Recreation advised that any potential developments at the Wilmot Recreation Complex would at this point it would be premature to consider at this time.

Mr. Ross Steckley appeared as a delegation on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Wicker. He advised of their desire to stay on their farm and that they will be asking for deferral of their assessments at a future time.

10.3 Years of Service Recipients – Staff and Volunteer Fire Fighters

Mayor L. Armstrong

Mayor L. Armstrong provided a presentation to recognize Years of Service milestones for staff and volunteer firefighters. His presentation is attached as Appendix B.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

11.1 REPORT NO. ILS 2021-43 Volunteer Member Appointment

Community Safety and Crime Prevention Engagement Committee

Resolution No. 2021-255

Moved by: Councillor B. Fisher Seconded by: Councillor C. Gordijk

THAT Report No. ILS 2021-43 be approved.

CARRIED.

12. REPORTS**12.1 CORPORATE SERVICES****12.1.1 REPORT NO. COR 2021-038****Drain Maintenance Levy****Resolution No. 2021-256**

Moved by: Councillor J. Pfenning Seconded by: Councillor C. Gordijk

THAT Report COR 2021-038, prepared by the Manager of Finance / Deputy Treasurer, regarding Municipal Drain Levies be received for information purposes.

The Director of Corporate Services / Treasurer outlined the report.

12.2 INFORMATION AND LEGISLATIVE SERVICES**12.2.1 REPORT NO. ILS 2021-44****Encroachment Agreement****Tye Road Private Culvert Crossing****966565 Oxford Waterloo Road****Resolution No. 2021-257**

Moved by: Councillor B. Fisher Seconded by: Councillor J. Pfenning

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Director of Information and Legislative Services to execute an agreement permitting an encroachment under Tye Road for the purposes of a private culvert crossing; and,

THAT any and all costs incurred by the Township in preparing, reviewing and executing the encroachment agreement be borne by the owner of 966565 Oxford Waterloo Road.

CARRIED.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Prioritization of OHIP Covered Eye Care

Resolution No. 2021-258

Moved by: Councillor J. Pfenning

Seconded by: Councillor A. Hallman

WHEREAS routine eye care is critical in early detection of eye diseases like glaucoma, cataracts, and macular degeneration, and the health of eyes is critical to overall health and quality of life;

WHEREAS Conditions that may be detected with an annual eye exam include Diabetes mellitus, Glaucoma, Cataract, Retinal disease, Amblyopia (lazy eye), Visual field defects (loss of part of the usual field of vision), Corneal disease, Strabismus (crossed eyes) Recurrent uveitis (an inflammation of the uvea, the middle layer of the eye that consists of the iris, ciliary body and choroid), Optic pathway disease;

WHEREAS payments from OHIP have only increased 9% over the last 30 years, which has not come close to matching inflation of costs (which include rent, staff, utilities, equipment, taxes and supplies);

WHEREAS the lack of funding makes it difficult to invest in modern technology, and newer technology means earlier detection of eye disease;

WHEREAS the Provincial government refusal to formally negotiate with Optometrists for more than 30 years has forced the Optometrists to absorb approximately 173 million dollars annually in the cost to deliver eye care to Ontarians;

WHEREAS the 2021 Ontario Budget did not address OHIP-insured eye care, Ontario Optometrists took action and voted to withdraw OHIP services starting September 1, 2021, unless the government agrees to legally-binding negotiations to fund these services at least to the cost of delivery;

WHEREAS this job action will jeopardize good eye care for those who need the care of an optometrist the most and will have the greatest impact on the most vulnerable groups. Children—whose lifetime ability to learn and develop depends on good vision—to the elderly, who are at the greatest risk for vision-threatening ocular diseases.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Wilmot requests that the Provincial government recognize the value that access to quality eye care brings to all Ontarians and act now to protect it;

THAT the Provincial government address the OHIP-insured eye care immediately and enter into legally-binding negotiations with Ontario Optometrists to fund these services at least to the cost of delivery, prior to any job action taking place;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Ford, Ontario Minister of Health Christine Elliot, MPP Mike Harris, MP Tim Louis, and the Ontario Association of Optometrists to seek their support and be made publicly available.

CARRIED.

14. BY-LAWS

14.1 By-law No. 2021-52 Drain Maintenance Levy By-law

14.2 By-law No. 2021-53 Alpine Drain Actual Cost By-law

14.3 By-law No. 2021-54 Glen Shantz Drain Actual Cost By-law

Resolution No. 2021-259

Moved by: Councillor J. Gerber Seconded by: Councillor A. Hallman

THAT By-law Nos. 2021-52, 2021-53, and 2021-54 be introduced, read a first, second, and third time and finally passed in Open Council.

CARRIED.

14.4 By-law No. 2021-55 Synder Municipal Drain Provisional By-law

Resolution No. 2021-260

Moved by: Councillor C. Gordijk Seconded by: Councillor J. Gerber

THAT By-law No. 2021-55 Synder Municipal Drain Provisional By-law be introduced, and read a first and second time in Open Council.

CARRIED.

15. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**16. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

16.1 Councillor A. Hallman advised that the Santa Claus Reverse Parade will be happening at the New Dundee Community Centre on Saturday December 4, 2021 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

16.2 Councillor B. Fisher advised that the Santa Claus Parade will be on December 4, 2021 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm in Baden including a Food Bank drive.

17. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**18. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW****18.1 By-law No. 2021-56****Resolution No. 2021-261**

Moved by: Councillor J. Pfenning Seconded by: Councillor C. Gordijk

THAT By-law No. 2021-56 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Meeting held on November 22, 2021 be introduced, read a first, second, and third time and finally passed in Open Council.

CARRIED.

19. ADJOURNMENT**Resolution No. 2021-262**

Moved by: Councillor J. Gerber Seconded by: Councillor A. Hallman

THAT we do now adjourn to meet again at the call of the Mayor.

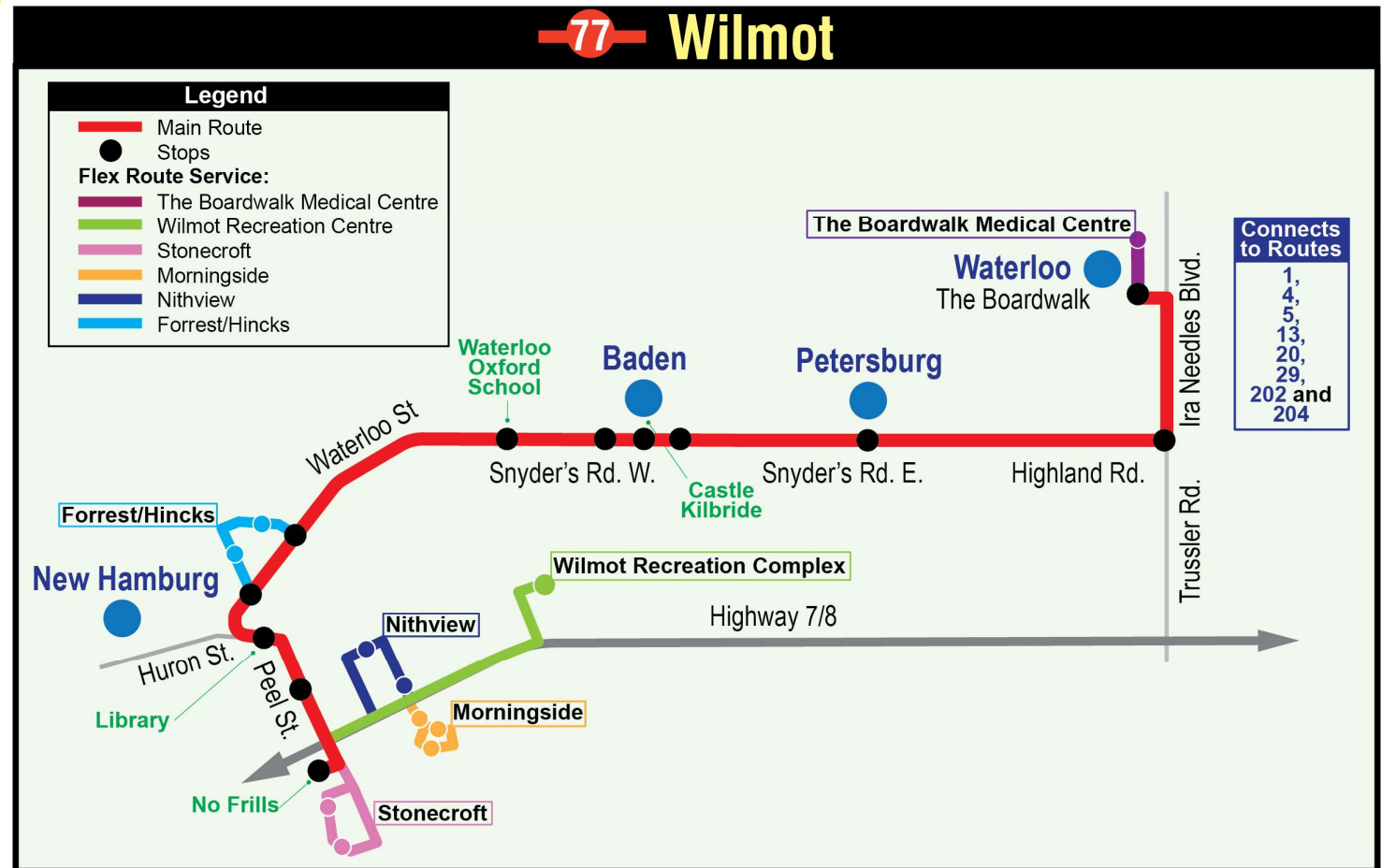
CARRIED.



Route 77 Wilmot

November 22, 2021

Route Overview



Route History

April 2016
MTO awards
funding. Route
77 pilot begins.



March 2017
Route becomes
permanent,
funded through
Region's
budget.



June 2017
Additional
funds from
MTO allow
extension of
service hours.



**September
2020**
Potential
frequency
improvements
deferred.



**September
2021**
Pending
approval,
implement
deferred
frequency
improvements.

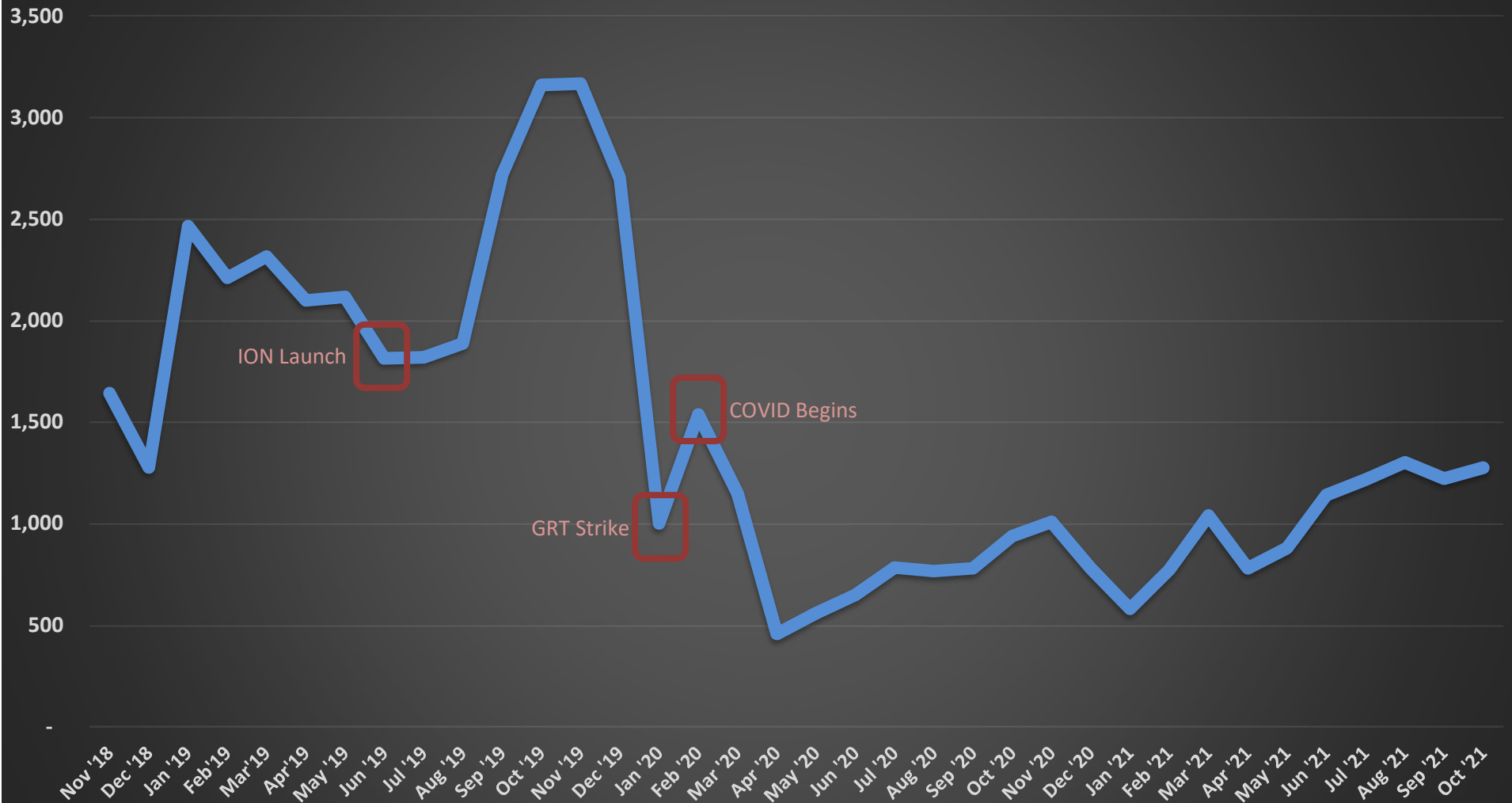


Updates

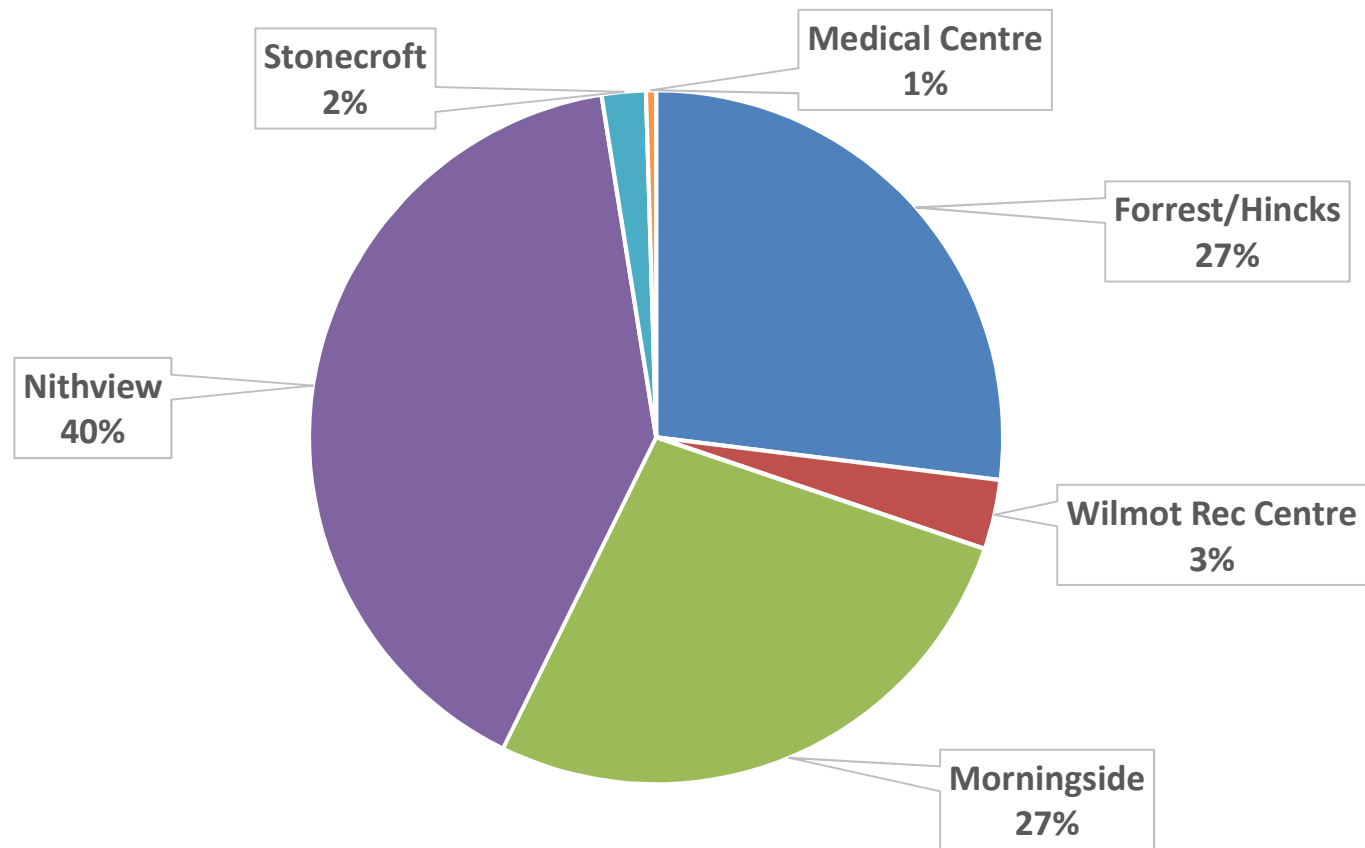
- Real time update:
 - Equipment required is on site
 - Installation plan delayed due to COVID
- Electronic fare systems update:
 - High priority
 - Next step: first units to be installed in December/January



Route 77 Boardings



Pre-Pandemic Flex Route Usage



Flex route usage has changed during COVID.

- Top requests continue to be:
 - Frequency improvements
 - Extended service hours
 - Weekend service
- Waterloo Oxford DSS bell times
- Additional running time for schedule adherence

Proposed 2022 Improvements

Weekday Only							
To New Hamburg				To The Boardwalk			
The Boardwalk (Depart)	Snyder's / Notre Dame	Waterloo Oxford D.S.S.	No Frills Grocery (Arrive)	No Frills Grocery (Depart)	Waterloo Oxford D.S.S.	Snyder's / Notre Dame	The Boardwalk (Arrive)
A	B	C	D	D	C	B	A
7:00	7:07	7:15	7:24	6:30	6:40	6:48	6:56
8:00	8:07	8:15	8:24	7:30	7:40	7:48	7:56
9:15	9:22	9:30	9:39	8:45	8:55	9:03	9:11
10:30	10:37	10:45	10:54	10:00	10:10	10:18	10:26
11:45	11:52	12:00	12:09	11:15	11:25	11:33	11:41
3:15	3:22	3:30	3:39	2:34	2:44	2:52	3:00
4:30	4:37	4:45	4:54	4:00	4:10	4:18	4:26
5:45	5:52	6:00	6:09	5:15	5:25	5:33	5:41
7:00	7:07	7:15	7:24	6:30	6:40	6:48	6:56

1. Add a second vehicle to Route 77
2. Increase frequency to 40-45 min (currently 75 min)

Additional Route 77 Service*

The Boardwalk	Snyder's/ Notre Dame	Waterloo Oxford	No Frills Grocery	No Frills Grocery	Waterloo Oxford	Snyder's/ Notre Dame	The Boardwalk
625a	632a	640a	649a	630a	641a	649a	700a
705a	712a	720a	729a	710a	721a	729a	740a
745a	752a	800a	809a	750a	801a	809a	820a
825a	832a	840a	849a	830a	841a	849a	900a
905a	912a	920a	929a	910a	921a	929a	940a
945a	952a	1000a	1009a	950a	1001a	1009a	1020a
1025a	1032a	1040a	1049a	1030a	1041a	1049a	1100a
1105a	1112a	1120a	1129a	1110a	1121a	1129a	1140a
1145a	1152a	1200p	1209p	1150a	1201p	1209p	1220p
225p	232p	240p	249p	230p	241p	249p	300p
305p	312p	320p	329p	310p	321p	329p	340p
345p	352p	400p	409p	350p	401p	409p	420p
425p	432p	440p	449p	430p	441p	449p	500p
505p	512p	520p	529p	510p	521p	529p	540p
545p	552p	600p	609p	550p	601p	609p	620p
625p	632p	640p	649p	630p	641p	649p	700p
705p	712p	720p	729p	715p	726p	734p	745p

*Draft Schedule. Subject to consultation and further changes

Frequency Improvement Benefits

- Tend to have a higher rate of return & ridership
- Address schedule adherence issues
- Additional time for flex stops
- Address W-O High School requests
- Evaluate additional stop requests along existing route for new developments
- Match better with urban busPLUS routes
- Evaluate flex routes as permanent



Recommendation

THAT the Township of Wilmot support a service expansion for Route 77 Wilmot commencing in September 2022, as recommended in Region of Waterloo 2022 Proposed Budget Issue Papers, at an estimated increase of \$80,000 which will form part of the Regional tax levy to the Township.



Region of Waterloo

Thank You

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Years of Service Recognition

2021

5 Years of Service

Reese Kowalik
Christi Lichti
Shelby Ingold
Troy Wagner
Sam Murray
Dillon Dick



10 Years of Service

Jason Zehr
Greg Mudford
Shane Bowman
Dominique Trottier
Doug Holst



15 Years of Service

David Tomlinson
Marzena Kutnik
Dawn Mittelholtz
Manny O’Krafka
Derek Heimpel
Brock Dixon



20 Years of Service

Andrew Martin
Lincoln Kuntz
Mike Gilmore
Warren Dammeier



25 Years of Service

Terry Gerber
David Beaver



30 Years of Service

Angela Bylsma
Dale Clements
Russell Strickler



35 Years of Service

Wayne Zehr



Thank you

