The Corporation of the City of Guelph Operations & Transit Committee Tuesday, February 21, 2012 @ 5:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Operations & Transit Committee was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 in Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Councillors, Findlay, Bell, and Furfaro, and Mayor Farbridge (arrived at 5:10 p.m.)

Absent: Councillor Van Hellemond

Also Present: Councillors Dennis, Hofland

Staff in Attendance: Mr. D. McCaughan, Executive Director of Operations & Transit; Mr. M. Anders, General Manager, Community Connectivity & Transit; Mr. R. Kellar, General Manager, Public Works; Ms. T. Agnello, Deputy Clerk; and Ms. D. Black, Assistant Council Committee Coordinator.

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

 Moved by Councillor Furfaro Seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT the minutes of the Operations & Transit Committee meeting held on Monday, January 23, 2011 be confirmed as recorded and without being read.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Findlay and Furfaro (3)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

Carried

#### Presentation

# **Transit Growth Strategy Implementation**

The Mayor arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Michael Anders, General Manager, provided an overview of changes made to the transit routes since their implementation in January. He advised of next steps, system performance issues and other risks within the system. He also stated that vehicle acquisition is a priority to meet capacity issues.

Mr. Rodney Kellar, General Manager, Public Works, advised that were four used buses have been purchased and should be fully operational within two to four weeks. He stated capital budget from surpluses from last year are being used to purchase the buses. In addition, two

new buses which are included in the capital budget are also being purchased.

Mr. Kevin Chernoff, a City resident, advised that his travel time to and from work has doubled since the implementation of the new transit routes. He stated that he is rarely able to catch his transfer bus . He requested that further consideration be given to the transfer issues and suggested that shelters should be put in place at the transfer points.

Staff will address performance and design standards, input from the public and provide performance measures when they provide their transit report in the second quarter of 2012. They advised comparisons of some items such as overall ridership; overall system measures, and schedule adherence will be provided.

### **Consent Agenda**

The following items were extracted from the February 23, 2012 Consent Agenda to be voted on separately:

OT 2012-A.1 Committee Rolling Calendar OT 2012-A.2 Commemorative Tree Plaques

# **Committee Rolling Calendar**

Staff were requested to provide performance indicators within their reports when they are presented to the committee.

2. Moved by Mayor Farbridge Seconded by Councillor Furfaro

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THAT the Rolling Calendar as outlined in the Operations & Transit

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Findlay and Furfaro and Mayor Farbridge (4)

Committee Report OT021204 dated February 21, 2012 be received.

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

# **Commemorative Tree Plaques**

3. Moved by Mayor Farbridge Seconded by Councillor Furfaro

THAT the Operations & Transit Committee Report OT021205 Commemorative Tree Plaques be received;

AND THAT commemorative tree plaques be permitted for a maximum display period of ten years;

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AND THAT current commemorative tree plaques (including those in application status) be exempt from the maximum display period.

VOTING IN FAVOUR: Councillors Bell, Findlay and Furfaro and Mayor Farbridge (4)

VOTING AGAINST: (0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Chairperson