



AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL

RFD# 2025039

Date: March 24, 2025

TO: Mayor Small and Members of Council

SUBMITTED BY: Jason MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer

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SUBJECT: Transit Feasibility Study

ORIGIN: Strategic Initiative to determine the feasibility of a transit system - ("A") Bus.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: Municipal Government Act, Section 55 (1) A municipality may provide a public transportation service by (a) the purchase of vehicles or vessels and operation of the service; (b) providing financial assistance to a person who will undertake to provide the service; or (c) a combination of these methods.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council approve a transit feasibility study for the Town of Amherst.

BACKGROUND: One of Council's strategic initiatives is to determine the feasibility of a transit system.

DISCUSSION: In order to receive funding from senior levels of government, a motion of Council approving this project is needed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: If successful, our grant application could fund 100% of the study.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS: A transit system would foster safe and accessible options for movement within the town, and provide a service that reduces barriers and makes Amherst accessible and equitable to all, which are two of Council's priority outcomes.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: Reduced carbon footprint as people shift from personal automobile to transit.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: None to date

ALTERNATIVES: Do not proceed with the feasibility study.

ATTACHMENTS: None

Report prepared by: Jason MacDonald

Report and Financial approved by:

