

**September 25, 2024**

Re: County of Brant Resolution – September 24, 2024

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At the meeting of September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Council of the County of Brant adopted the following:

*“Whereas the County of Brant, Middlesex County, Municipality of Strathroy Caradoc, Norfolk County, Town of Tillsonburg, Municipality of East Zorra Tavistock, Grey County, Perth County, City of Stratford, Municipality of Lambton Shores, and Wellington County have successful utilized government funding to create and sustain local community transit through Southwest Community Transit; and*

*Whereas 85,000 riders have utilized the Southwest Community Transit services in the first have of 2024 alone, demonstrating significant community reliance on these services; and*

*Where as the economic impact of this transit system is estimated to be \$748,800,000 annually, largely due to its role in providing transportation to employment opportunities; and*

*Whereas the current funding for this critical small urban and rural inter-community transit service is set to expire in March 2025, putting the sustainability of the service at risk:*

*Therefore be it resolved that County of Brant council urges the provincial government to continue funding Southwest Community Transit beyond March 2025 to ensure the ongoing viability of this essential service for small urban and rural Ontario*

*Be it further resolved that this resolution be circulated to Elgin County, Middlesex County, Norfolk County, Oxford County, Municipality of Strathroy Caradoc, Town of Tillsonburg, Municipality of East Zorra Tavistock, Perth County, City of Stratford, Municipality of Lambton Shores, Wellington County, Bruce County, Municipality of Bayham, Municipality of Thames Centre and other relevant stakeholders for their support and advocacy.”*

Respectfully,

Briar Allison  
Deputy Clerk  
County of Brant



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**LINDSEY A. MANSBRIDGE, CLERK**

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October 2, 2024

VIA EMAIL

**RE: Southwest Community Transit Services**

At its meeting held September 25, 2024 Oxford County Council adopted the following resolution:

Moved By: Bernia Martin  
Seconded By: Deb Gilvesy

Resolved that correspondence from the South Central Ontario Region Economic Development Corporation (SCOR) dated September 17, 2024, be received, and;

Whereas the County of Brant, Middlesex County, Municipality of Strathroy Caradoc, Norfolk County, Town of Tillsonburg, Municipality of East Zorra-Tavistock, Grey County, Perth County, City of Stratford, Municipality of Lambton Shores, and Wellington County have successfully utilized government funding to create and sustain local community transit through Southwest Community Transit; and

Whereas 85,000 riders have utilized the Southwest Community Transit services in the first half of 2024 alone, demonstrating significant community reliance on these services; and

Whereas the economic impact of this transit system is estimated to be \$748,800,000 annually, largely due to its role in providing transportation to employment opportunities; and

Whereas the current funding for this critical small urban and rural inter-community transit service is set to expire in March 2025, putting the sustainability of the service at risk;

Therefore, be it resolved that County of Oxford Council urges the provincial government to continue funding Southwest Community Transit beyond March 2025 to ensure the ongoing viability of this essential service for small urban and rural Ontario.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be circulated to the County of Brant, Elgin County, Middlesex County, Norfolk County, Oxford County, Municipality of Strathroy Caradoc, Town of Tillsonburg, Municipality of East Zorra-Tavistock, Perth County, City of Stratford, Municipality of Lambton Shores, Wellington County, Bruce County, Municipality of Bayham, Municipality of Thames Centre and other relevant stakeholders for their support and advocacy.

Thank you,

[Redacted Signature]  
Lindsey A. Mansbridge  
Clerk

CC: Oxford County Area Municipal Clerks



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October 2, 2024

**RE: Southwest Community Transit Services**

At its meeting held October 1, 2024 the Municipality of Lambton Shores Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas the County of Brant, Middlesex County, Municipality of Strathroy Caradoc, Norfolk County, Town of Tillsonburg, Municipality of East Zorra Tavistock, Grey County, Perth County, City of Stratford, Municipality of Lambton Shores, and Wellington County have successfully utilized government funding to create and sustain local community transit through Southwest Community Transit; and

Whereas 85,000 riders have utilized the Southwest Community Transit services in the first half of 2024 alone, demonstrating significant community reliance on these services; and

Whereas the economic impact of this transit system is estimated to be \$748,800,000 annually, largely due to its role in providing transportation to employment opportunities; and

Whereas the current funding for this critical small urban and rural inter-community transit service is set to expire in March 2025, putting the sustainability of the service at risk:

Therefore be it resolved that (your municipalities name here) council urges the provincial government to continue funding Southwest Community Transit beyond March 2025 to ensure the ongoing viability of this essential service for small urban and rural Ontario

Be it further resolved that this resolution be circulated to the County of Brant, Elgin County, Middlesex County, Norfolk County, Oxford County, Municipality of Strathroy Caradoc, Town of Tillsonburg, Municipality of East Zorra Tavistock, Perth County, City of Stratford, Municipality of Lambton Shores, Wellington County, Bruce County, Municipality of Bayham, Municipality of Thames Centre and other relevant stakeholders for their support and advocacy.

Sincerely,



, Dipl. M.M.  
Director of Corporate Services

October 9, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford  
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Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria  
Minister of Transportation  
Ministry of Transportation  
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via email to: [Prabmeet.Sarkaria@pc.ola.org](mailto:Prabmeet.Sarkaria@pc.ola.org)

## **RE: Support of Resolution for Continued Transit Funding**

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Please be advised that Middlesex County Council at its meeting held Tuesday, October 8, 2024, passed the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** the County of Brant, Middlesex County, Municipality of Strathroy Caradoc, Norfolk County, Town of Tillsonburg, Municipality of East Zorra Tavistock, Grey County, Perth County, City of Stratford, Municipality of Lambton Shores, and Wellington County have successfully utilized government funding to create and sustain local community transit through Southwest Community Transit; and

**WHEREAS** 85,000 riders have utilized the Southwest Community Transit services in the first half of 2024 alone, demonstrating significant community reliance on these services; and

**WHEREAS** the economic impact of this transit system is estimated to be \$748,800,000 annually, largely due to its role in providing transportation to employment opportunities; and

**WHEREAS** the current funding for this critical small urban and rural inter-community transit service is set to expire in March 2025, putting the sustainability of the service at risk:

**NOW THEREFORE** be it resolved that Middlesex County Council urges the provincial government to continue funding Southwest Community Transit beyond March 2025 to ensure the ongoing viability of this essential service for small urban and rural Ontario

**BE IT FURTHER** resolved that this resolution be circulated to the County of Brant, Elgin County, Middlesex County, Norfolk County, Oxford County, Municipality of Strathroy Caradoc, Town of Tillsonburg, Municipality of East Zorra Tavistock, Perth County, City of Stratford, Municipality of Lambton Shores, Wellington County, Bruce County, Municipality of Bayham, Municipality of Thames Centre and other relevant stakeholders for their support and advocacy.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Marci Ivanic  
Legislative Services Manager / County Clerk

cc: SCOR EDC

County of Brant, Elgin County, Norfolk County, Oxford County, Municipality of Strathroy Caradoc, Town of Tillsonburg, Municipality of East Zorra Tavistock, Perth County, City of Stratford, Municipality of Lambton Shores, Wellington County, Bruce County, Municipality of Bayham, Municipality of Thames Centre

Hon. Rob Flack, via email at: [Rob.Flack@pc.ola.org](mailto:Rob.Flack@pc.ola.org)

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