



City of
Peterborough

To: Peterborough Transit Liaison Committee

From: Barry Wakeford, Director Transit Services

Meeting Date: June 20, 2024

Report: 2024 Summer Transit Route Adjustments, Report Number
PTLC24-004

Subject

A Report to inform the Peterborough Transit Liaison Committee of the 2024 summer transit route adjustments.

Recommendation

That the Peterborough Transit Liaison Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report PTLC24-004, dated June 20, 2024, of the Director, Transit Services as follows:

That the Report PTLC24-004 and the presentation be received for information.

Executive Summary

- Transit Staff are adjusting Route #4 “Weller” and Route #8 Monaghan and introducing a Peterborough Regional Health Centre Pilot Project in summer 2024.
- Staff will continue to make strategic and incremental changes to address safety, efficiencies, and ridership needs. The goal is that these changes will increase ridership.

Background

Transit Staff are adjusting Route #4 “Weller” and Route #8 Monaghan and introducing a Peterborough Regional Health Centre Pilot Project on June 23, 2024.

Route # 4 “Weller”

In January 2024, the frequency of Route #4 “Weller” was increased to every half hour on weekdays between 7:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Since this change, the ridership has increased on this route by 78% from January through May compared to 2023.

In May, the route was changed to only services the hospital on the west bound portion. This change has helped to keep the route on schedule. Passengers residing to the west of the hospital requested that it service the hospital on the east bound portion of the route. This change will occur in July 2024.

Route # 8 “Monaghan”

The Route #8 “Monaghan” travels from Trent University to Fleming College and returns along the same path. This route services the Towerhill Road and Fairbairn Street intersection.

The Transportation Master Plan (TMP) and the 2021 Transit Route Review has plans for this route to service the new subdivision on Lilly Lake Road as part of future service coverage improvements. Due to multiple requests and safety concerns, Staff decided to add this location to Route #8 “Monaghan” for the July sign-up.

To accommodate the additional 8 to 10 minutes this adds to the route time, the route will not access the Casino on Crawford Drive. It will travel from Crawford Drive to The Parkway to Sir Sandford Fleming Drive.

Peterborough Regional Health Center (PRHC)

As a pilot project, for passenger safety, the flow of certain bus routes around the PRHC will travel in a clockwise direction. Routes #4 (east bound), #8 “Monaghan” (north bound), and Community Buses #22 Blue and #23 Red will approach the hospital from Medical Drive onto Alexander Avenue. Stops will be added at Extencicare, PRHC at the south entrance, PRHC at the main entrance, and the stop & shelter by the “Emergency” entrance. Community Buses will no longer go into the circle by the main entrance. Hospital staff support this change.

Engagement and Consultation

Consultation for these route adjustments occurred during the development of the Transportation Master Plan.

Strategic Plan

Strategic Pillar: Governance & Fiscal Sustainability

Strategic Priority: Support a culture of continuous improvement, safety, and innovation to enhance cost effective delivery of City programs and services.

This Report fits the Strategic Priority by recommending the continuation of a City service the residents depend on.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budget and financial implications associated with this report.

Conclusion

Staff will continue to make strategic and incremental changes to address safety, efficiencies, and ridership needs. The goal is that these changes will increase ridership.

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