



*A People Place, A Change of Pace*  
**SHELBURNE**  
ONTARIO, CANADA

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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Monday, January 30, 2023
<b>To:</b>	Mayor Mills and Members of Council
<b>From:</b>	Denyse Morrissey, Chief Administrative Officer
<b>Report:</b>	CAO 2023 –05
<b>Subject:</b>	Grey County Transit Weekend Transit Service 2023 – Route Adjustments

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## Recommendation

Be it Resolved that Council:

1. Receives report CAO 2023-05 regarding Grey County Weekend Transit Service 2023 – Route Adjustments for information; and that
2. The revised route adjustments for weekend service be approved pending weekend transit service being approved in the 2023 budget.

## Background

On May 23, 2019 Grey County and Southgate Township received funding from the Provincial Government to enhance transportation in Grey County and regionally. Grey County received \$1,850,000 and Southgate Township received \$500,000. They created a partnership using the combined funding of approximately \$2.3 million. The funding received by Southgate Township was to implement service from Dundalk to Orangeville.

The Town does not fund or contribute any costs towards the weekday service or Monday to Friday between Dundalk and Orangeville or Route 2.

Information on the Grey County Transit service is provided at:

<https://www.grey.ca/grey-transit-route>

## **2023 Weekend Service – Estimated Costs**

The 2022 weekend service was \$5,500 a month or \$44,000 from January 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022. Based on 531 weekend rides during that period the average cost per ride or subsidy is \$82.86. The offsetting revenue is the \$5.00 fare per ride.

In October 2022, the estimated 2023 cost was \$6,800 per month or \$20,400 for 3 months or \$40,800 for 6 months or \$81,600 per year.

On October 3, 2022 Council, due to the estimated increased costs for Town of Shelburne to be provided with continued weekend service in 2023, directed the weekend service to be suspended as of December 31, 2022.

Re-instatement would be reviewed by the new Council as part of the 2023 budget.

The link to [staff report CAO 2022-15](#) regarding Grey County Weekend Transit 2023 Extension and Bus Stop Locations Update is:

<https://calendar.shelburne.ca/meetings/Detail/2022-10-03-1830-Regular-Council-Meeting/52767ba5-cacf-4bc6-a396-af1f01517ab5#page=180>

## **Analysis**

The following are the reported reasons passengers use the weekend service between Dundalk and Orangeville:

- Employment
- Connecting with family members
- Shopping opportunities
- A jump off point for passengers that have friends/family picking them up to go further south/north

It is noted, there is no connection to GO Transit on the weekends for riders. GO is not in service on the weekends from Orangeville

## **Continued 2023 Weekend Service - Route Adjustments**

The weekend service route up to December 2022 was based on the weekday route which was Dundalk to Shelburne to Orangeville. By adjusting the route and no longer providing travel to Orangeville the dedicated service time in Shelburne on weekends can be significantly enhanced.

The revised weekend route approach is based on:

- 5 hours of total service each day running a loop every 30 minutes on Saturday and Sunday in Shelburne.
- The bus would continue to originate in Owen Sound to Dundalk to Shelburne for the first run of the day.
- Shelburne to Dundalk to Owen Sound would be last run of the day

The Vehicle size is a 12 passenger GTR vehicle

## **Locations and Adding Stops**

The Town currently has 4 stops in Shelburne as part of the GTR service and under Route 2 (Dundalk to Orangeville) which is the most used in the system.

As noted in prior staff reports the commercial plaza owner does not currently allow transit access in their other commercial properties. The ability to create a new stop near the new plaza at (located Highway 89 and County Road 124) can only be done when the Town has assumption of the roads. Road assumption is estimated to be September 2023. Grey County had also confirmed the transit service would not operate on unassumed roads. To consider having the bus drive on assumed roads, which is not being explored, would require legal agreements and that insurance and any liabilities would become the sole responsibility of the Town.

A review of roads in the plaza area where additional stops can be added will continue. This would add additional weekday and weekend location(s) until the roads are assumed by the Town. However, it may still require a short walk from any interim location to the new plaza.

The addition of other stops in Town, including on William Street, as part of both the weekday and paid weekend service in Town can also be reviewed with Grey County.

## Financial

The weekend transit service costs are summarized based on reinstatement April 2023 or 9 months:

Operating & Administration	\$6,300 per month
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Estimated Fuel surcharge*	\$ 150 per month
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\*A fuel surcharge will be applied if the cost of regular fuel exceeds a \$1.30/L. The average consumption of litres per day for the weekend service is 75-80 Litres per day was used.

Total Per Month	\$6,450 per month
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HST*	\$ 838.50 per month
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\*adjusted and reduced with applicable Town HST rebate

## Policies & Implications

Not applicable

## Consultation and Communications

Grey County staff and transit operator

## Council Strategic Priorities

Council's Strategic Priorities has three Goals - Sustainable, Engaged and Livable. There are a total of 12 targets with the three Goals.

This report aligns with the Sustainable Goals within the Targets:

Target T2 Municipal Services Review and Evaluation

Target T11 Improve Community Connections

## Supporting Documentation

Not applicable

Respectfully submitted:

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Denyse Morrissey, CAO