



Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council Members
From: Edward Hilton, Economic Development Officer
Date: June 10, 2026
Subject: Peterborough County Public Transit Feasibility Study

Recommendation:

That Council receive this report for information.

Background:

Community Care & Peterborough County is preparing to undertake a Public Transit Feasibility Study to assess the need for and feasibility of enhanced public transit services connecting communities throughout the County and neighbouring First Nation communities. The study is being undertaken in partnership with Community Care Peterborough and with participation from the County, the lower-tier municipalities, Curve Lake First Nation, and Hiawatha First Nation.

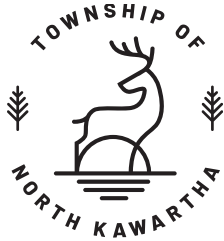
The Township of North Kawartha has been represented on the project steering committee by the Economic Development Officer and has participated in discussions regarding the scope and objectives of the study.

As part of the project, a public survey will be distributed to residents throughout Peterborough County and participating First Nations communities. The survey is intended to gather information regarding transportation needs, travel patterns, key destinations, barriers to transportation, and overall interest in potential transit services connecting communities within the region.

Analysis:

The Public Transit Feasibility Study will examine the demand for public transportation services and evaluate potential options for providing transportation connections between communities throughout Peterborough County. Information gathered through the public survey will help inform the study's findings and recommendations.

Staff wish to emphasize that the Public Transit Feasibility Study should not be confused with the currently proposed Alto project. The study is a locally led initiative intended to



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gather public input on transportation needs and evaluate potential transportation options across the region, and is not connected to the Alto proposal in any way.

While Community Care Peterborough is a key project partner and currently provides specialized transportation services for eligible clients, feedback is being sought from all residents of North Kawartha and the broader Peterborough County area for this survey. Participation is encouraged from residents of all ages and backgrounds, regardless of whether they currently use Community Care services.

The survey will provide valuable information regarding community transportation needs, destinations residents travel to most frequently, barriers to accessing services and employment, and overall interest in future transit options.

The Township will share the information on the survey link through the Township website, social media and posters. Printed copies of the survey will also be made available in the community.

Financial Implications:

There are no direct financial implications to the Township associated with this project.

Strategic and/or Other Plans:

- North Kawartha Strategic Economic Development Plan (Infrastructure 4.0 – Transit)

In Consultation With:

Rhonda Keenan, General Manager, Economic Development (County of Peterborough)

Attachment:

None