



September 1, 2024

Dear Mayor and Members of Council

Subject: Request for Support of Resolution for Continued Transit Funding

As we continue to navigate the challenges and opportunities in our respective municipalities, the importance of reliable and accessible public transit cannot be overstated. Our community's transit systems plan a critical role in enhancing the quality of life for residents, supporting economic development, and promoting environmental sustainability.

In light of this, South Central Ontario Region Economic Development Corporation (SCOR EDC) board of directors has drafted a resolution requesting the province to support Southwest Community Transit which is a SCOR EDC project and initiative serving rural and small urban Ontario. We believe that sustained financial support is essential for maintaining and improving our transit infrastructure, which directly impacts our ability to provide equitable and efficient transportation options for our residents. Current provincial support is expected to end in March 2025.

Given the interconnected nature of our regional transit networks through SCT and the shared benefits of a robust transit system, we are reaching out to partner and neighbouring municipalities and stakeholders to seek your support for this resolution. By coming together and presenting a united front, we can better advocate for the necessary resources to ensure our transit systems remain effective and responsive to community needs.

Enclosed with this letter, you will find a copy of the proposed resolution. We respectfully request that your municipality consider endorsing and passing this resolution in support of our collective appeal to the provincial government. Your support would greatly strengthen our efforts and demonstrate a collaborative commitment to the advancement and need for public transit in smaller communities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require further information regarding this matter. We would appreciate your feedback and look forward to your response.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Amy Martin

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Amy Martin'.

SCOR EDC
Chairperson of the Board of Directors