

# HUNTLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

EXPLORATORY MEETING – TRANSIT IN CARP

**APRIL 4 MEETING** 

















#### AGENDA

TOPIC	PRESENTER	TIMING (mins)
Opening Remarks	Will Rado Director, Huntley Community Association	5
Introductions, Agenda & Meeting Format	Randall Denley MC	5
OC Transpo Presentation	Pat Scrimgeour Director Transit Customer Systems and Planning, OC Transpo	30
Belleville Transit Bus-Hailing Presentation	Paul Buck Manager Transit Operations, City of Belleville	30
Innisfil Transit Ride-Sharing Presentation	Paul Pentikainen Senior Policy Adviser, Town of Innisfil	30
Q&A	Randall Denley MC	30-45
Closing Remarks & Next Steps	Eli El Chantiry  Counsellor Ward 5, City of Ottawa	10



#### **Rural Transit in West Carleton-March**

Pat Scrimgeour
Director of Transit Customer Systems and Planning
OC Transpo

#### Background – Rural transit in Ottawa

- Following amalgamation in 2001, the City conducted consultation in all rural areas regarding residents' interest in public transit service
- Some pre-amalgamation municipalities had provided service, others had not
- Following two rounds of consultation, Council decided to provide:
  - Para Transpo service in all parts of the City (continues, but since modified)
  - Peak-period direct trips to downtown from certain larger villages (continues)
  - Off-peak service from four villages (since discontinued based on low use)
  - Peak and evening feeder trips in certain areas (since discontinued; low use)
- In West Carleton, only Para Transpo service was provided

#### Current status – rural transit in Ottawa

- Para Transpo service in all parts of the City
- Peak-period direct trips to downtown from certain larger villages
- Weekly shoppers' service from five rural areas
- Funding for community support service agencies
- Contribution towards maintenance of park and ride lots
- Urban transit area, transit tax approx. \$628 per year
- Rural areas with direct trips, transit tax approx. \$190 per year
- Rural areas with no direct trips, transit tax approx. \$54 per year

# Current status of rural transit in West Carleton

- Para Transpo service from all points in West Carleton to any point in the Urban Transit Area
- Free service on Shoppers' Route 303 on Wednesdays from Dunrobin and Carp to Stittsville, Kanata, Bayshore, and Carlingwood
- Funding for transportation provided by Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre (WOCRC)
- Access to OC Transpo service at park and ride lots at Innovation, Carp Road, Canadian Tire Centre, Terry Fox, and Eagleson

### Paths to building an option for consideration

- What is the transportation problem or problems that we are trying to address?
- What are the possible solutions to address these needs?
- Which is the most effective solution?
- What would it cost?
- How could these costs be funded?
- How could consensus be built?
- What would Council need to consider and decide?

#### What are the transportation problems?

#### Possibilities:

- Mobility for those without access to cars
- Access for workers from urban Ottawa to workplaces in West Carleton
- Relieving auto traffic congestion on West Carleton roads
- Reducing pressure on park and ride lots
- Mobility for particular groups e.g., seniors, low-income, youth, people with disabilities
- + More?

### What are the possible solutions?

- Expanded vehicle-for-hire availability
- Subsidy for vehicle-for-hire trips
- Fixed route bus service at certain times
- On-demand bus service at certain times
- + More?

### What views might influence consensus?

- How well would the solutions meet the identified needs?
- What is the volume of need? How many people?
- Do most people travel towards central Ottawa or locally?
- How could costs be divided between users and taxpayers?
- How do the costs compare with the benefits?
- + More?





### Belleville Transit

Two (2) wards

Service Area Population 50,716 Service Area Size 247.2 sq km

Total Transit Mileage in 1 year 1,079,105

Total Transit Service Hours 57,421



#### Belleville Transit

16 Conventional Transit Buses 40' Nova LFS

34 Drivers

2 Supervisors

3 Mechanics

1 Customer Service Person

Last year we carried

**1,135,409 Passengers** 



# Late Night Bus Service

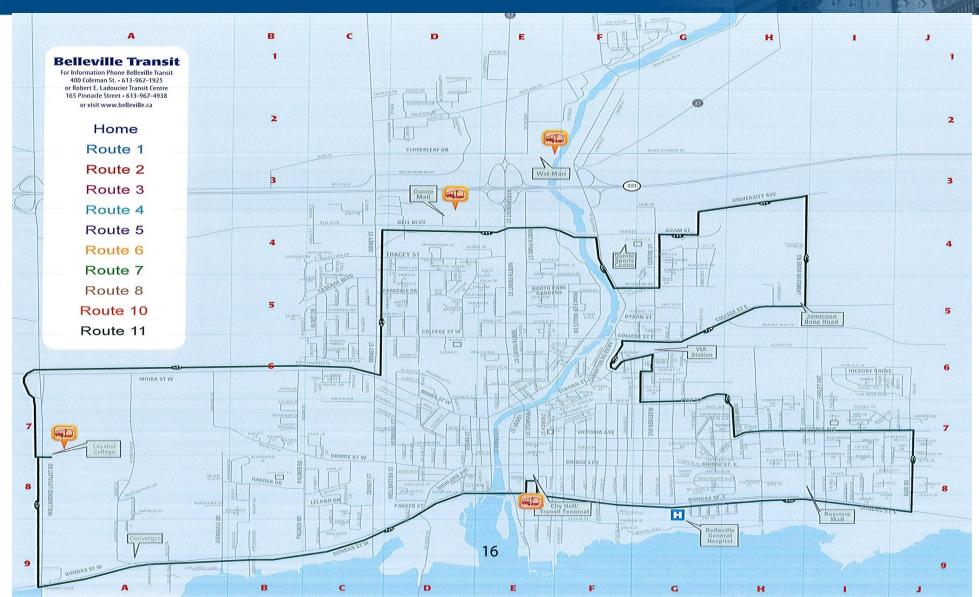
January 2018 Council Authorized the Launch of a 1 year Pilot for Late Night Service.

1 Hour fixed route, circling the City providing service to the North East Industrial Park, Loyalist College and residential areas.

Flex Route

Ridership – Average 46 per night

# Route 11 – Late Night





#### On Demand Bus Service

Initiated by CUTRIC (Canadian Urban Transit Research and Innovation Consortium)

Partnered with Pantonium Inc.

- in coordination with:

University of Toronto

Ontario Centers for Excellence in Education

#### How does it work??

• <a href="https://youtu.be/P0hxCGW5gw4">https://youtu.be/P0hxCGW5gw4</a>

# WWW.BTLETSGO.CA

September 17, 2018 launch On Demand Service

**Instant Success** 







#### On Demand Statistics

Passengers Responded Immediately!

Soft launch moved to full launch in 2 weeks

- Ridership on a rocket!

- August 2018 1246

- September 2018 1725

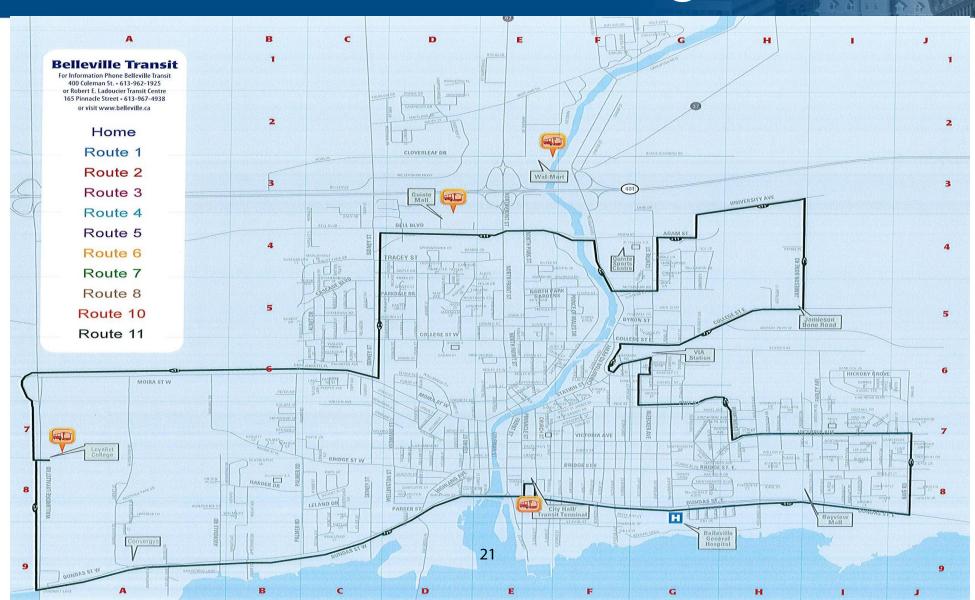
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- November 2018 3890

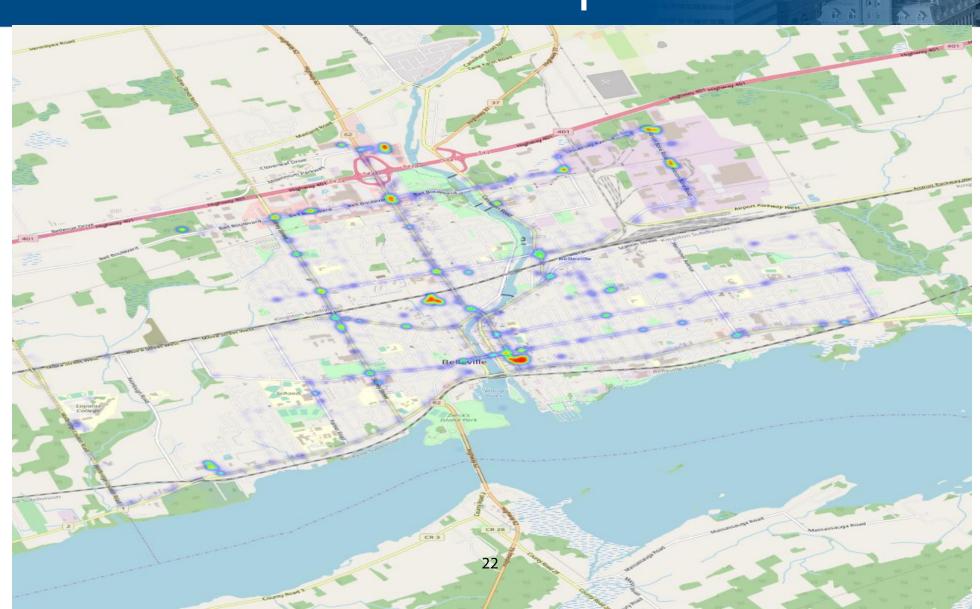
- December 2018 2717

- January 2019 4375

# Route 11 – Late Night



# Heat Map



#### Is It Too Good???

- It all started in October......
- Service Requests higher than capacity.
- Piggy Backing
- "Pushed Calls"
- So, how did we fix it??



#### What's Next??

On Demand offers many options for Transit.

Specialized Services for Mobility Impaired Rural, low density areas Community Buses, mixed use



# Thank you!

# Questions??

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#### INNISFIL TRANSIT - PAUL PENTIKAINEN



Innisfil – Uber Case Study Video

TedX Talk – Jason Reynar, Town of Innisfil CAO







#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

■ Eli El-Chantiry, Ottawa City Councillor, Ward 5 - West Carleton-March



#### APPENDIX - INNISFIL

- OGRA Webinar Innisfil Uber
- Budget Update Paul Pentikainen presentation starts around 7hr 27min mark of the video
- <u>September 2018 Staff Report</u> other background information and staff reports found at <u>www.innisfil.ca/transit</u>)
- Innisfil First Ride Sharing Program in Canada <a href="https://www.uber.com/cities/innisfil/partnership/">https://www.uber.com/cities/innisfil/partnership/</a>



#### APPENDIX - COLLINGWOOD

■ Collingwood Ride Sharing Program — TedX Talk — Jason Reynar, Town of Innisfil CAO