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**OPEN SESSION REPORT**

TO: Mayor Bradley and Members of Sarnia City Council

FROM: J.P. André Morin, P.Eng., City Engineer  
Jim Stevens, Director of Transit

DATE: June 25, 2014

SUBJECT: Sarnia's Transportation Master Plan

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**Recommendations:**

It is recommended:

1. That Sarnia City Council receives this report and endorses the attached Sarnia Transportation Master Plan (TMP) for use by staff to make improvements and increase efficiencies in transportation systems and infrastructure subject to Council approval;
2. That implementation of any recommendations in the TMP involving capital or operating expenditures be aligned with the annual budgeting process and subject to Council approval; and
3. That staff be directed to undertake further consultations as necessary with various stakeholders and advisory committees on the implementation of TMP recommendations prior to approval by City Council.

**Background:**

IBI Group has been working on the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) for the past year. The plan called "Get Around" Sarnia's Transportation/Transit Master Plan was developed around the following objectives:

- Identify existing and future levels of travel demand throughout the City.
- Outline the transportation infrastructure needed to ensure safe and efficient movement of people, goods and service for the economic growth and prosperity of the City.

- Develop policies and guidelines for all modes of transportation in the city, including walking, cycling, transit, goods movement and roads, and that also support rail, air and marine service.
- Review Sarnia Transit and Care-a-Van services to provide recommendations for improved service delivery and efficiency.

The TMP is organized into two parts:

- Volume 1, Transportation Master Plan addressing roads, traffic signals, downtown parking and active transportation (cycling and walking);
- Volume 2, Public Transit Master Plan addressing public transit needs for both conventional transit and Car-a-Van services and a Transit Technology Plan.

Both volumes of the TMP are posted to the City's website at <http://www.city.sarnia.on.ca/living-here/getting-around/roads-and-traffic/transportation-master-plan>. Attached to this report is a summary presentation prepared by IBI Group; an executive version of this presentation will be made to Council at the meeting of June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Comments:**

In the preparation of the TMP, the IBI Group has engaged the community through Public Information Centres, Public Surveys/Questionnaires, Stakeholder Outreach Meetings, Community Advisory Groups meetings and a Project Web Page.

#### Volume 1, Transportation Master Plan

The report provides direction, plans, and strategies for the future as well as the present. Staff will bring recommendations from the Plan to Council through future Council reports for approval, future budget allocation and capital projects in coming years. Other recommendations in this volume will be the basis for development requirements, working with special interest groups and finding greater efficiencies in existing maintenance budgets and activities.

#### Volume 2, Public Transit Master Plan

This area of the TMP is addressed by The Executive Summary Transit Master Plan report and four supporting reports, namely:

- Phase 1: Conventional Transit Master Plan
- The Marketing & Customer Service Plan
- Phase 2: Care-A-Van Program Review
- Transit Technology Plan Task 3: Implementation Plan.

Upon endorsement of the overall Sarnia's Transportation Master Plan (TMP) staff will implement the recommendations contained in the above noted documents in a staged approach aligned with the City's annual budget process

in coming years. Prior to these recommendations being brought forward for City Council's approval, further consultations as required will take place with other city staff, various stakeholders and advisory committees.

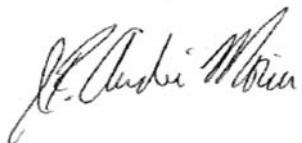
**Consultation:**

This report has been prepared in consultation with the IBI Group.

**Financial Implications:**

There are no financial implications to this report at this time; staff will phase in recommendations through future budgets, subject to Council approval.

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Attachment(s): Council TMP Presentation