# Working with School Bus Operators to Provide Community Transportation



## **About us:**

The Town of Pelham is situated in the heart of the Ontario's Niagara Region and comprised of five historical communities: Fonthill, Fenwick, Ridgeville, Effingham & North Pelham.

Mission: Enhance the quality of life in our unique urban and rural areas Vision: To be the most vibrant, innovative and caring community in Niagara

With a population of 16,675 residents, our thriving town is the ideal place to live, work and play. It is a caring community that embraces a rich past and creatively takes advantage of a promising future. It offers an enviable quality of life and features opportunities for students, professionals, businesses and older adults.





## Pelham 2015 Strategic Plan

#### Vision

To be the most vibrant creative & caring community in Niagara

#### Mission

Enhance our unique blend of our urban & rural communities

#### Values

Open & Transparent, Accountable, Fair & Equitable



· Protect people and property

- · Build a multi-faceted community centre
- · Meet or exceed our customer service standards

· Develop a realistic economic development plan

Offer public transportation to Pelham residents

Goal

Provide the environment so our businesses can thrive



Goal

Feel like a small town

- · Build trust in our corporation
- · Engage residents in decision making
- Make sure volunteer committees operate within our strategic plan
- Promote fairness & equity in our Town (Corporation)



Enhance the quality of life in our town







- Become financially resilient for the next 20 vears
- · Develop a 20 year financial plan for the strategic plan
- · Reduce the amount of carbon consumed







# strategic importance





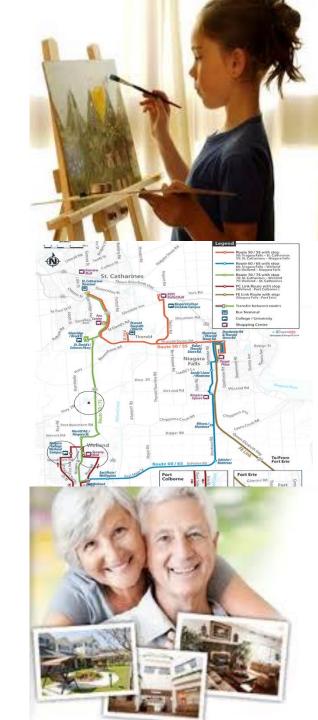
Linking the Town's Villages

Linking to surrounding areas





Connecting to the Niagara Regional Transit System



# starting a municipal transit service

#### Concept

- Town of Pelham Community
- Niagara Region
- Transit Service Study



#### **Progress**

- Maximum allowable grant obtained
- RFP & Contract Award
- CommunityConsultation



Transportation to be Provided

**Conventional Transit** 

**Special Events Shuttles** 

Trans Cab Service (Specialized Transit and Dial-a-Ride)

# determining a transit provider



#### **Evaluation Criteria**

**Completeness of Proposal** 

**Proponent Profile and Qualifications** 

Implementation Schedule & Value Added

Understanding of Requirements (Scope of Service, Maintenance, Drivers, Facilities, etc.)

**Past Performance** 

Cost

# benefits of using a school bus operator

Utilizing vehicles that would otherwise sit idle

Feasibility

Consistent driver that is local and knows the community personally

Willingness to commit to a short-term (19 month) pilot project, with the option to extend a additional 3 years.

Offers assistance with data collection: Weekly ridership sheets to determine pick-ups and drop-offs, distribute customer surveys

Developed strong partnership: Primary bus service for <u>all</u> transit needs including conventional transit service; special event shuttles, camp shuttles, specialized transit service, etc.

**FLEXIBILE & ACCOMODATING** 

## service

Fully Accessible

16 Passenger Max Capacity

Equipped with Bike Rack

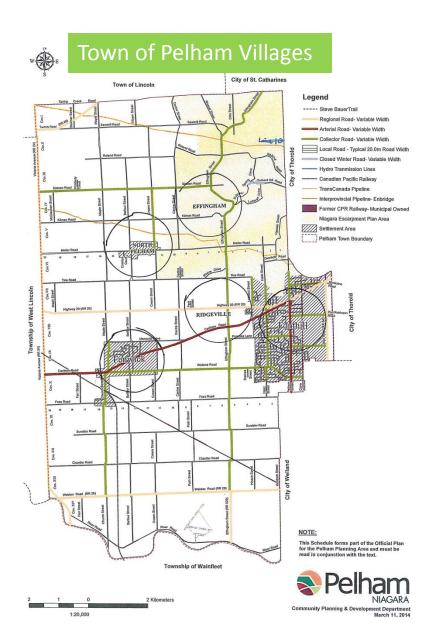
Convenient Routes

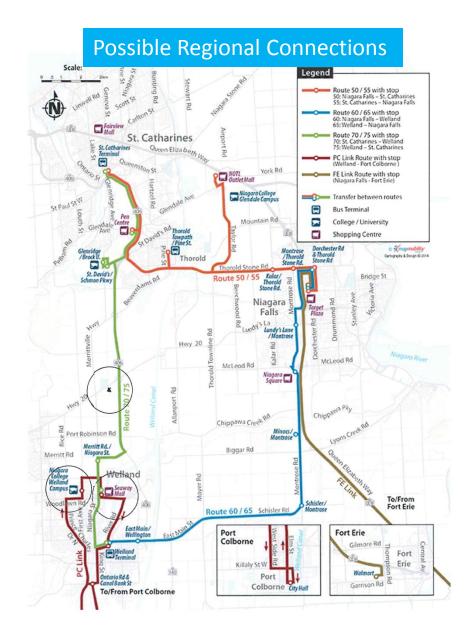




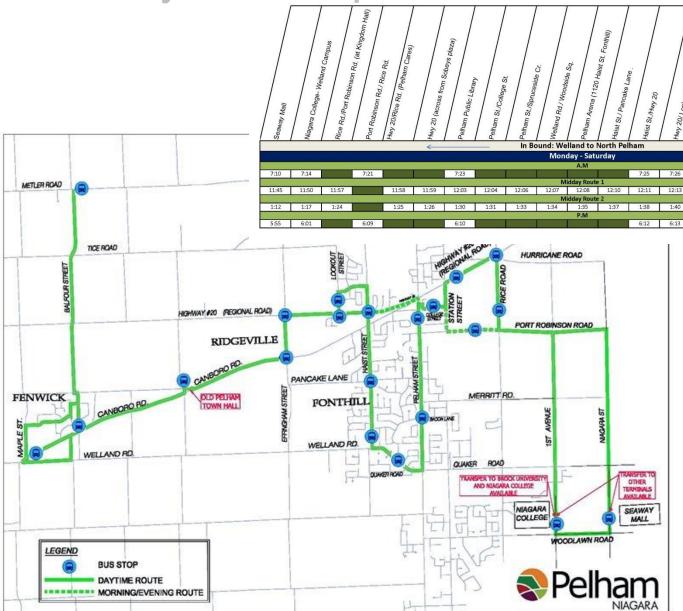


## service areas & connections





2015 system map & schedule



- 1 morning trip
- 2 afternoon trips
- 1 evening trip

Average Monthly Ridership (from Sept-Dec 2015):

111 riders/month

# 2016 system map & schedule

HIGHWAY #20 (REGIONAL ROAD)

RIDGEVILLE

RIDGE

HOME

METLER ROAD

FENWICK

LEGEND

TICE ROAD

CANBORO RD.

WELLAND RD.

BUS STOP

MORNING/EVENING ROUTE DAYTIME ROUTE



OTHER TERMINALS

SEAWAY

Inbound

enwick to

Outbound

Welland to

Fenwick to

Outbound

Welland to

North Pelham

to Welland

Outbound

Welland to

Outbound

Welland to

Fenwick to

5:45pm

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North Pelham

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PELHAM TRANSIT SCHEDULE

QUAKER ROAD

NIAGARA

COLLEGE

WOODLAWN ROAD

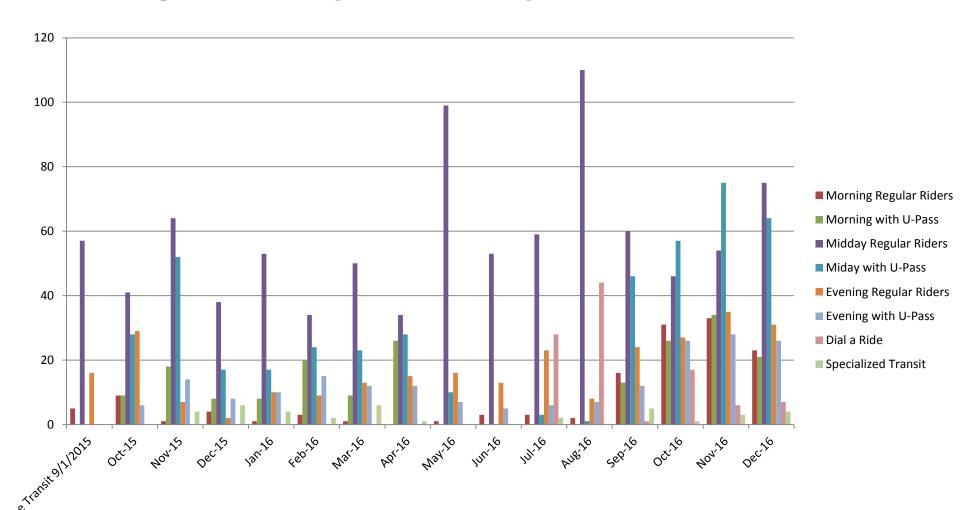
2016 FALL/WINTER ROUTES

Average Monthly Ridership (from Sept-Dec 2016):

232 riders/month

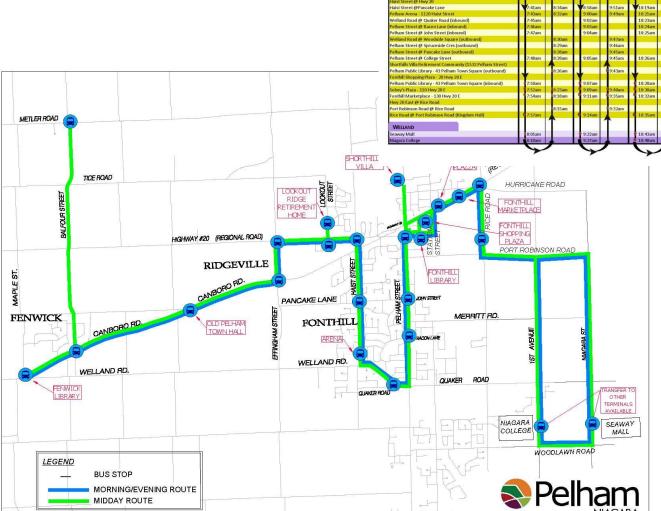
\*more than double from 2015

# monthly ridership from Sept 2015 – Dec 2016



**Total Number of Riders To-Date: 2,368** 

# proposed 2017 system map



PROPOSED TRANSIT SCHEDULE

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Fenwick to Welland to Welland Fenwick enwick to | Welland to

Fenwick to

Welland to

North Pelham Welland to

orth Pelham | Welland to

### All day service:

- 3\*\* morning trips
- 3\*\* afternoon trips
- 1 evening trip

Changes are based on customer feedback from our Transit Satisfaction Survey distributed November 2016

## future



## **Society**

Equity
Health
Culture and
History
Accessibility
Involvement
Livability
Values

## **Economy**

Productivity
Employment
Business
Development
Tax Burden
Trade

Sustainable Solutions

## **Environment**

Pollution Habitat Preservation Biodiversity Air/Water Quality Aesthetics vision for Niagara



Recommended 2023 Inter-Municipal Transit Plan

# purpose... "she has her wings back"





Vibrant • Creative • Caring

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# Thank you!