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**TO:** GENERAL COMMITTEE

**SUBJECT:** MUNICIPAL TRANSIT ENHANCED CLEANING (MTEC) TRANSFER PAYMENT AGREEMENT

**WARD:** ALL

**PREPARED BY AND KEY CONTACT:** B. FORSYTH, DIRECTOR OF TRANSIT AND PARKING STRATEGY

**SUBMITTED BY:** B. FORSYTH, DIRECTOR OF TRANSIT AND PARKING STRATEGY

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### **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

1. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Transfer Payment Agreement with the Province of Ontario as represented by the Ministry of Transportation related to the Municipal Transit Enhanced Cleaning Agreement.

### **PURPOSE & BACKGROUND**

2. The purpose of this Report is to execute the Transfer Payment Agreement with the Province of Ontario and provide additional context and information for members of Council.
3. On June 29, 2020, Minister of Transportation, announced the Municipal Transit Enhanced Cleaning (MTEC) provincial funding, where the provincial government was providing \$15 million to municipalities across the province to support enhanced cleaning of municipal public transit systems to keep passengers and employees safe and help reduce the transmission of COVID-19.

### **ANALYSIS**

4. Staff have recently received the MTEC Transfer Payment Agreement and require a supporting by-law for the agreement to be executed.
5. The municipal funding allocations for this program was determined by 70% ridership and 30% population, utilizing the same data that was used to determine the 2019-20 Gas Tax program allocations.
6. The City of Barrie's allocation was \$96,734 and would cover direct costs incurred by the municipality on or after April 1, 2020 and on or before December 31, 2020.

The costs can include:

- Costs of cleaning materials for the MTEC;
- Costs of hand sanitizer for passenger and staff use;
- Costs of safety wear for the MTEC, such as gloves or goggles;
- Costs of equipment purchased for the MTEC;

- Costs of contracted services for the MTEC;
  - Costs of salaries, including redeployment of staff, for the MTEC; and
  - Any other cost that, in the opinion and at the sole discretion of the Province, is necessary for the MTEC.
7. Over the course of the pandemic, and following the guidance of the Ministry of Health and Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, Barrie Transit has continued boost its cleaning and sanitization practices, including enhanced sanitization of fleet and facilities and installation of hand sanitizer units on all Barrie Transit fleet. The costs associated with these protocols align with the eligibility criteria outlined in the MTEC program.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT MATTERS**

8. There are no environmental matters and/or climate change impact matters related to the recommendations.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

9. There is an alternative available for consideration by General Committee:

**Alternative #1** General Committee could choose not to authorize the execution of the Transfer Payment Agreement.

This alternative is not recommended given Barrie's objective of responsible spending and acquiring funding from various levels of government.

#### **FINANCIAL**

10. Barrie Transits additional enhanced cleaning expense for the period of April 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 was \$150K and will therefore be eligible to maximize our \$96,734 allocation as part of the MTEC. The additional enhanced cleaning cost above a beyond the \$96,734 will be eligible for reimbursement as part of the transit stream of the Safe Restart Agreement Funding Program.

#### **LINKAGE TO 2018-2022 STRATEGIC PLAN**

11. The recommendation(s) included in this Staff Report support the following goals identified in the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan:
- Improving the Ability to Get Around Barrie