



TRANSIT AND PARKING MEMORANDUM

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TO: MAYOR J. LEHMAN AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: T. GREEN, SUPERVISOR OF COMPLIANCE AND CUSTOMER SERVICE

**NOTED: T. TURNER, MANAGER OF BUSINESS SERVICES
B. FORSYTH, DIRECTOR OF TRANSIT AND PARKING
R. JAMES-REID, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ACCESS BARRIE**

RE: BARRIE TRANSIT/SCHOOL BOARD PROGRAMS UPDATE

DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

The purpose of this Memorandum is to provide members of Council an update on collaborations between Barrie Transit and the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC). The SCSTC provides student transportation services for students within the City of Barrie for both the Simcoe County District School Board and the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board.

Continuing through the 2020/21 school year, following the revised protocols and guidelines for student transportation (as directed by the Ministry of Education) and the adoption of in-person learning, pilot programs were put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As numerous restrictions and guidelines remain in place, the SCSTC has made the decision to continue holding on any pilot initiatives involving Barrie Transit until such time it is deemed safe by both the SMDHU and the respective school boards. Once precautionary measures are lifted and service returns to normal, Barrie Transit and the SCSTC will continue to meet to discuss additional joint efforts and share information about upcoming initiatives, programs or grant/funding opportunities. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.