

Priorities Committee Meeting_Jul15_2025

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE

Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility Renovation and Expansion

Report Purpose

To provide Priorities Committee with an overview of a required renovation and expansion project for the Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility.

Our Strategic Goals

Goal 4 - Municipal Excellence

Goal 2 - Healthy and Safe Community

Goal 3 - Responsible Development

Goal 4 Priority - Optimal use of resources that meets the community's needs

Goal 2 Priority - Social supports that enhance community well-being and safety, and build community connection

Goal 3 Priority - Growth and development that prioritizes community well-being and economic benefits

Report

The Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility located on Streambank Avenue was originally constructed in 1988. The facility was renovated several times in the early 2000s; however, it is currently at capacity, with about 20 per cent of the fleet being stored outdoors. Additional space is necessary for bus storage, maintenance storage, maintenance operations, and overall site logistics.

Renovation and expansion for the Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility is currently identified in the Capital Plan with construction starting in 2029. If the renovation and expansion is not completed, current issues will be exacerbated by fleet growth. Fleet growth is needed to service new growth areas, address increases in mobility bus demand, as well as increases in overall population and service demand.

Due to the age of the current facility, there are already some major costs related to the lifecycle and deficiencies that need to be addressed. The limitations of the current facility and need for renovation and expansion was noted in the updated Transit Master Plan.

The transit industry is also currently in transition to zero emissions. As industry moves to zero emission buses, storage and maintenance facilities must also be upgraded to manage this change. Additional details are highlighted in enclosure 1.

The Canada Public Transit Fund (CPTF) is federal grant funding opportunity that will provide \$3 billion per year for 10 years across Canada for transit capital projects starting in 2026/2027. The fund is separated into three streams: Baseline, Metro Region, and Direct Delivery. Administration is proposing to use Baseline funding to cover 80 per cent of the cost for a feasibility study in 2026 on the renovation and expansion of the facility. Administration also proposes using Baseline funding to cover 80 per cent of the planning and design for the facility in 2027.

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Strathcona County Transit is currently working collaboratively with regional partners to gain access to Metro Region funding. Preliminary high-level estimates through previous studies have put the cost of upgrading and expanding the facility at \$45 million. This estimate will be updated through the feasibility study as well as planning and design. It is expected that 80 per cent of the cost of construction would be eligible for funding through the Metro Region Transit Fund. Construction start for the renovation and expansion to the Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility is currently identified in the Capital Plan for 2029.

Other Impacts

Policy: N/A

Financial/Budget: Feasibility Study 2026, Planning and Design 2027, Construction start is 2029

Legislative/Legal: N/A

Interdepartmental: N/A

Master Plan/Framework: Transit Master Plan

Enclosure

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