



To: Council
From: Peter Young, Director of Planning/EDO
Date of Meeting: July 17, 2019
Subject: Evans Bus Lines Commuter Bus Service Support

Recommendation:

That Council supports the Public Vehicle Operating Licence application submitted by Evans Bus Lines to expand their commuter bus services and chartered service to the Township of South Stormont to provide Ingleside, Long Sault and surrounding communities with increased transportation services.

Background:

Evans Bus Lines are applying to the Ontario Highway Transportation Board for a Public Vehicle Operating Licence to expand their bus services to the western portion of South Stormont to offer commuter and charter bus services. It is anticipated that service would start in Ingleside as an extension of the existing Morrisburg-Ottawa Route 540, with the potential to expand to Long Sault and potentially introduce other routes. This service could attract new residents to Ingleside that commute to Ottawa and support occasional trips for appointments. The other commuter bus service in South Stormont operated by 417 Bus Lines services the east part of South Stormont using the 138 corridor.

Evans Bus Lines is requesting the Township to complete the regulatory "*Form To Support An Application For A Public Vehicle Operating Licence*" to assist with obtaining their licence. The application form and supporting form can be found at <http://www.ohlb.gov.on.ca/eng/forms/public.pdf>

Options:

1. That Council supports the Public Vehicle Operating Licence application submitted by Evans Bus Lines to expand their commuter bus services and chartered service to the Township of South Stormont to provide Ingleside, Long Sault and surrounding communities with increased transportation services.
 2. That Council does not support the proposal from Evans Bus Lines.
 3. Other
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Financial Impact:

There is no direct impact to supporting the application. It is anticipated that parking for the commuter service would be on private property in Ingleside.

Others Consulted:

Director of Corporate Services/Clerk