



## DURHAM REGION TRANSIT COMMISSION

# NEWS RELEASE

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### Transit Executive Committee recommends 2019 Budget

**WHITBY, ON** – The Durham Region Transit Executive Committee discussed the 2019 Durham Region Transit (DRT) Business Plan and Budget at its scheduled meeting yesterday.

Highlights of the 2019 operating and capital projects include the following customer focused service priorities:

- ✓ Transit services increased by nearly 8,000 net additional service hours over a 12-month period spanning 2019-2020, including more service on DRT's busier routes and expansion of DRT's OnDemand service in north Durham.
- ✓ Effective May 1, 2019, all DRT fares to remain the same for the second year running, except for adult and youth single trips paid either with PRESTO or a paper ticket, which would see a nominal increase of five cents.

"DRT's 2019 budget reflects Durham Region's commitment to improving transit services for residents while ensuring affordability," says Shaun Collier, Chair of the Transit Executive Committee and Mayor of Ajax.

"The action items included in this year's budget support DRT's strategic objectives endorsed by the Transit Executive Committee," adds Vincent Patterson, General Manager of DRT.

Members of the public are invited to attend upcoming Public Information Centres (PICs) held in all municipalities throughout Durham Region. These well-attended sessions are part of DRT's continued commitment to engage with our customers and solicit meaningful feedback to help shape transit services in Durham for 2020 and beyond. PICs start April 1; stay tuned to [durhamregiontransit.com](http://durhamregiontransit.com) for more information in the days ahead.

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