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Durham Region appoints new General Manager of Durham Region Transit

Whitby, Ontario – The Region of Durham is pleased to announce that the Transit Executive Committee has approved the appointment of William (Bill) Holmes to the position of General Manager (GM), Transit for The Regional Municipality of Durham.

“We are pleased to appoint Bill Holmes to this strategic senior position, which oversees our transit operations,” said Elaine Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer. “Since joining DRT, Bill has made significant contributions to the team; always ensuring a customer-centric approach in their operations.”

“We have a vision for our transit system; one that will focus on more seamless and available services,” said Shaun Collier, Mayor of Ajax and Chair of the Transit Executive Committee. “Bill brings the leadership and collaboration that can help to bring our vision to light.”

Holmes joined Durham Region Transit (DRT) in 2014 as a Deputy General Manager, Operations. Recently, he provided his leadership as the Acting General Manager, where he was able to demonstrate his skill sets—both in the execution of these roles and through the fulsome hiring process.

Having worked in the transit industry for over 20 years, Holmes has a diverse transit and leadership background.

“My vision is to lead DRT towards an integrated network that will make a difference in people’s lives,” said Holmes. “I am fortunate to work with an exceptional group of forward-thinking professionals—including operators, maintenance employees, frontline customer service, and supporting employees throughout the organization—people who work to develop and implement new and innovative ideas that reflect the needs of our stakeholders.”

The GM, Transit provides leadership for overall performance in long-term planning, service planning, service delivery, financial planning and sustainability, and organizational effectiveness; ensuring the safety, health, well-being, and satisfaction of

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the public through high-quality transit services. With a team of more than 500, this individual provides seamless integration of inter-agency transit services to meet the travel needs of Durham Region residents, businesses and visitors. Visit DurhamRegionTransit.com to learn more.

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