



Niagara Poverty Reduction Network (NPRN)

Working collectively to wipe out poverty in Niagara through information sharing, changing attitudes, and compelling Niagara citizens to get involved and take action.

NPRN Transportation Position Statement

An integrated Regional Transit system is critical to the health and well-being of Niagara residents and our future economic growth and prosperity.

Regional Transit Background

Niagara is made-up of urban and rural communities spread out over a large geographical area with the majority of employment and post-secondary education opportunities and other services located predominantly in Niagara's urban centres. The need for connectivity across our urban and rural communities is long recognized. In 2011, Niagara Region piloted a Regional Transit service which successfully established important transportation linkages across 5 of Niagara's 12 municipalities. Moving forward, we need a permanent, fully integrated regional transit system servicing and connecting all 12 of Niagara's municipalities.

Benefits of an Integrated Regional Transit System for Niagara

- Niagara's economic growth and prosperity will improve
- Increases our competitiveness for attracting and retaining youth, students and new business
- Key component of GO Transit expansion to Niagara
- Access to opportunities to work, live, play and learn in Niagara is a vital service link and important to an individual's quality of life
- Bridges the gap between urban and rural communities
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions and makes for safer roads
- Builds resilience against the effects of rising fuel costs



Resources

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