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**Sioux Lookout Transit Services Undergo Change in Operator**

*Sioux Lookout, ON* – A pending change in operator for the Sioux Lookout “Hub Transit” program will see no immediate changes to services for riders. The Municipality of Sioux Lookout will assume operations of the local transit service effective July 4, 2022.

“Hub Transit” as it has become known in recent years (formerly Sioux Lookout Handi-Transit), has been operated by a dedicated volunteer Board of Directors for many years. Over the last five years, the Board has effectively expanded the program to provide service for not only those with physical disabilities, but to everyone in the community.

“When the Municipality of Sioux Lookout was able to secure funding for expanded transit services in our community through the Community Transportation Grant Program, the Board of Directors was pleased to work with the Municipality via this funding to provide more transit options for the entire community,” shared Hub Transit Board Chair, Rob McClendon. “Our focus has been on providing reliable, accessible, and affordable transit services to the community of Sioux Lookout,” McClendon explained.

Hub Transit currently provides services throughout the Municipality of Sioux Lookout, including to and from the Airport and Hudson.

The change in operators has been in the works for several months, as the growing demands of operating a robust transit program were becoming more than could reasonably be expected from a volunteer Board of Directors.

“We will use the funding that has been secured through March 2025 to continue to operate the program efficiently and effectively,” noted Municipal Chief Administrative Officer, Michelle Larose, adding, “like the Hub Transit Board of Directors, the Municipality will continue to monitor the needs of the community in determining any changes to services in the future.”

Riders can expect to receive the same services from familiar drivers during and after the transition.

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