



## **Staff Report CAO2024-007**

**Title of Report:** CAO2024-007- GTR Bus Stop Location Change  
**Department:** Administration  
**Council Date:** April 17, 2024

### **Recommendation:**

**Be it resolved that** Council receive Staff Report CAO2024-007 for information; and

**That** Council supports the bus stop location change from the Arena to the Library, effective May 1, 2024.

### **Background:**

Due to the passage of the 2024 Budget for Grey County, there are upcoming changes to the GTR, which will affect the Dundalk bus stop location among other changes, as shown on Grey County's website:

### **Upcoming schedule and route changes**

On May 1, 2024, the Grey Transit Route will be reducing the frequency of routes and number of stops. The following changes will be in effect on May 1, 2024.

#### **Route 1 – Owen Sound to Dundalk**

- Weekend service will be removed. The route will run Monday to Friday.
- The Grey County Administration Building and Holland Centre Gas Bar stops will be eliminated.

#### **Route 2 – Dundalk to Orangeville**

- The Dundalk Arena stop is being eliminated.
- A new stop will be added at the Dundalk Library
- The Super Burger, Simon Road & School Road, Greenwood Crescent & Fiddle Park, and Orangeville Georgian College stops are being eliminated.

#### **Route 3 – Owen Sound to Meaford**

- Weekend service will be removed. The route will run Monday to Friday.
- The Bumstead Clinic, SmartCetres Owen Sound, Owen Sound Hospital and Georgian College stops are being eliminated.

#### **Route 4 – Meaford to Blue Mountains**

- Weekend service will be removed. The route will run Monday to Friday.
- The Blue Mountains Medical Centre and Craighleith Depot stops are being eliminated.

#### **Route 5 - Owen Sound to Warton**

- The Shallow Lake stop is being removed.
- Route 5 will be discontinued on December 31, 2024.

**Staff Comments:**

When making decisions regarding the GTR routes, Grey County staff considered a number of factors:

- Could riders get to these bus stops/destinations another way? ie, another transit system
- How walkable the community is.
- What does the GTR bus stop mean for connection to highways/major Grey County corridors,
- Our desire to offer a stop in each community.
- How long does it take to get into and out of a stop.
- Ridership

Additionally, county staff have advised that they have heard from many Dundalk residents that they would prefer the stop to be moved to the library which is closer to new subdivisions.

The Library CEO has been consulted and supports the request.

**Financial Implications:**

None.

**Concluding Comments:**

The report is for information for council and the public, and to ensure council supports the decision to re-locate the bus stop in Dundalk to the library.

Respectfully Submitted,

**CAO Approval:** *Original Signed By*

Dina Lundy, CAO

**Attachments:**