



County Council

Meeting Date: April 22, 2025
Submitted by: Warden Brian Ropp
Deputy Warden Aina DeViet
Subject: Appointment to the Southwest Community Transit Committee

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with Rules of Procedure By-law #7264, as amended, at the first regular meeting of a new term of Council, the Warden and Deputy Warden select the members who are to serve on Committees of Council and any Third Party Committees or Boards for which a representative from the County has been requested. Should a Committee appointment be required throughout the term, the by-law states that the Warden and Deputy Warden shall make a recommendation to Council and such selection shall be confirmed by a majority vote of council and appointed by by-law.

ANALYSIS:

On December 13, 2022, Committee appointments for the 2022-2026 term were made pursuant to By-law #7203, as amended. Councillor Burghardt-Jesson was appointed to the South Central regional Economic Development Corporation (SCOR EDC).

On March 13, 2024, Middlesex County provided notice of resignation from SCOR EDC. Membership in the SCOR EDC was not included in the 2025 Budget of the County of Middlesex.

Southwest Community Transit (SCT) is an intercommunity transit project coordinated by SCOR EDC. The SCT is an association of member municipalities across Southwestern Ontario. SCT members are committed to providing affordable transit options for residents to access employment, healthcare, education and recreation.




The SCT Committee has requested that a Member of County Council be appointed. The appointment request is for the remainder of the term of Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The representative appointed to the SCT Committee will receive a per diem in the amount of \$183.10 (2025 Rate) and mileage at a rate of \$0.61/km (if applicable) for attendance at meetings (2022 Rate). The costs associated with this appointment remain containable in the 2025 Budget (Committee Per Diems & Expenses).

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC FOCUS:

This report aligns with the following Strategic Focus, Goals, or Objectives:

Strategic Focus	Goals	Objectives
<p>Cultivating Community</p>  <p>Vitality</p>	<p>Advance a diverse, healthy, and engaged community across Middlesex County</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Promote and support community wellness• Innovate social and community services• Champion and encourage active transportation and public transit opportunities
<p>Strengthening Our Economy</p> 	<p>Encourage a diverse and robust economic base throughout the county</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support opportunities to create a stronger and sustainable agricultural sector• Create an environment that enables the attraction and retention of businesses, talent, and investments• Attract visitors to Middlesex County• Support the development and prosperity of downtown core areas in Middlesex County
<p>Promoting Service Excellence</p> 	<p>Innovate and transform municipal service delivery</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anticipate and align municipal service delivery to emerging needs and expectations• Strengthen our advocacy and lobbying efforts with other government bodies• Collaborate with strategic partners to leverage available resources and opportunities

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Appointment to the Southwest Community Transit Committee be received for information;

AND THAT the necessary by-law be introduced at the April 22, 2025 meeting of Council to appoint Councillor Cathy Burghardt-Jesson to the Southwest Community Transit Committee.