

September, 2006

Frank Wynn Polnicky

Carleton Place, ON

Norman Sterling  
Unit 5 - Heritage Walk  
130 Lansdowne Ave  
Carleton Place ON K7C 2T7

Dear Mr. Sterling;

The recent 50% fare increase by Thom Transport, for example from \$192 to \$290 per month from Carleton Place to Ottawa, has led many to review their options with regard to commuting. Similar price changes and reactions have taken place on Thom's buses from Perth, Pakenham, Almonte and Arnprior.

I have conducted a business case analysis which demonstrates that a car pool using a mini-van can provide commuter service for a substantially lower price of (less than \$200 per month) from Carleton Place to Ottawa. Therefore, Thom's recent price hike will serve only to increase traffic on Highway 7, discourage prospective residents from moving to your riding, restrain growth, reduce opportunities to take advantage of employment and schooling in Ottawa, and degrade the environment and overall quality of life by needlessly increasing traffic density.

Furthermore, many other mass transit services in Ontario, such as GO Transit or OC Transpo, receive subsidies. Commuters in your riding would undoubtedly support having subsidies applied to their transit system as well.

The enclosed petition is intended to demonstrate the fact that many commuters in your riding wish to seek assistance in developing a reasonable and practical solution to the growing demand for transit to and from Ottawa. Such a solution would enhance growth opportunities in your riding while simultaneously helping to protect the environment and satisfying commuters.

Sincerely,

F.W. Polnicky

CC: Attention: Premier Dalton McGuinty,  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Attention: Scott Reid,  
Member of Parliament  
6 Lake Ave, W,  
Carleton Place, ON K7C 1L2

Attention: Mayor Paul Dulmage  
Mr Brian Doucett, Mayoral Candidate, Carleton Place  
Town of Carleton Place  
175 Bridge Street  
Carleton Place, Ontario  
K7C 2V8

Mr Craig Timothy Rogers, Mayoral Candidate, Carleton Place  
249 James Street, Carleton Place, Ontario

Attention: Mayor Dennis Cordick  
Town of Perth  
80 Gore Street East  
Perth, Ontario  
K7H 1H9

Attention: Mayor Terry Gibeau  
PO Box 130  
105 Elgin Street West  
Arnprior, ON  
K7S 3H4

Attention: Mayor Al Lunney  
Mississippi Mills Municipal Office  
3131 Old Perth Road, RR 2,  
P.O. Box 400  
Almonte, ON. K0A 1A0

Carleton-Mississippi Mills Green Party Association  
55 Randall James Drive  
Stittsville, Ontario  
K2S 1L9

Mr. Peter Wagland  
Chief Administrative Officer  
The County of Lanark  
P.O. Box 37, County Administration Building  
99 Sunset Boulevard  
Perth, Ontario  
K7H 3E2

Carleton Place & District Chamber of Commerce  
175 Bridge Street  
Carleton Place, Ontario  
K7C 2V8 Canada

Carleton Place Business Improvement Association  
175 Bridge Street  
Carleton Place, Ontario  
K7C 2V8

## PETITION

We the undersigned passengers of the commuter bus from Carleton Place and nearby communities to Ottawa:

Recognizing the importance of an efficient transit service to the continued growth and prosperity of Carleton Place and the surrounding communities;

Recognizing the impact that such a transit service has on the value of real estate, in that such service can have an impact on the decision of people who work in Ottawa to purchase in Carleton Place;

Emphasizing the importance of commuter service to facilitate access to both employment and post-secondary education opportunities in Ottawa;

Noting that other municipalities and jurisdictions have received provincial subsidies in some form for public transit;

Noting the likelihood of more rapid growth of Carleton Place and its environs with the twinning of Highway 7;

Noting that fares for the only company providing transit service, Thom Transport, effective 18 September, 2006, abruptly increased 50 per cent to \$290 per month to Ottawa;

Noting that with a total of only six or seven riders, a business case analysis demonstrates that using privately provided transportation can offer a more economical service and thus that more efficient transport could readily be provided on a larger scale;

Observing that the federal government has recently approved a tax credit in order to encourage use of mass transit;

Wishing to preserve the environment via the use of mass transit; and,

Noting the potential advantage of using OC Transpo bus lanes which could shorten transit times to and from Ottawa by at least 15 minutes;

enclose the following petition.

We the undersigned appeal to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to examine the possibilities of organizing and coordinating some form of more efficient transit to and from Ottawa to Carleton Place and its environs without prejudice to any form or possibility of providing such service.

Name (Printed)

Signature

Address

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