



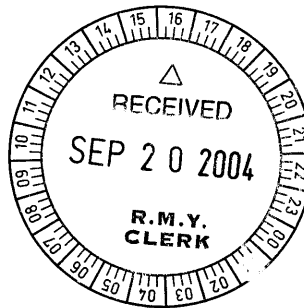
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Re: Transit Georgina Funding (Patti Simpson - Programs Coordinator)

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Board, staff and students at the Learning Centre for Georgina (LCG). We are an adult (non-profit) Learning Centre that is funded by the United Way of York Region, Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU), and the Ontario Trillium Foundation, along with various fundraising endeavours. MTCU provides some transportation support money, however the funds are limited and when transportation costs are high it is possible for us to run out of funding, which would prevent some of our students from attending and completing their studies.

LCG and Transit Georgina have worked in close partnership over the past two years to ensure LCG clients, many of whom are among the most vulnerable residents of Georgina, have uninterrupted access to our programs. Many of our students are adults who live in areas of Georgina that are completely outside of any transit access, and some of our students are vulnerable due to emotional, health or developmental difficulties, as well as housing issues. These students attend in order to improve their basic literacy skills, with goals of employment, further education or independence, and assistance with transportation is key to their ability to attend.

It is our understanding that Transit Georgina has made application for funding to the Regional Municipality of York. Transit Georgina has a record of success in drawing its community partners together to plan for ways of better reaching those who are in greatest need of fully accessible (i.e. convenient; low cost) transportation. We fully support any funding request that Transit Georgina has made for these purposes, and have complete confidence that Transit Georgina will use the funds in an appropriate and equitable manner.

Please call me if you have any questions or need further clarification. Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Susan Taylor
Executive Director

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