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Good morning, Mme Mayor, Members of Committee, Mme Clerk, Mme Director of Transit. Thank for your consideration of this delegation.

In 2016, I presented a paper entitled *Improving Transit for Seniors Improves Transit for Everybody* on behalf of the Burlington Seniors Advisory Committee.

A lot of water has flowed under the bridge since then. Mayor Meed Ward was our Council rep on the Seniors Advisory Committee, Jo-Anne was our clerical staff, Mike Spicer was Transit Director and five of our current committee and council members were gainfully employed elsewhere.

What a difference seven years makes.

It is a pleasure to delegate here to a Committee and Council who are aware of and committed to a transit system that is now so much more supportive of seniors, youth and our Burlington community as a whole.

I won't waste your valuable time reiterating Transit Director Baldelli's rationale and budget numbers. The logic and the potential positive outcomes are well founded and well laid out in Transit Department Report TR-04-23 and its Appendices.

I would however, on behalf of Burlington for Accessible Sustainable Transit, like to thank Ms. Baldelli and Burlington Transit Staff for the work they have done on this proposal and for the work they do all year round, not only to provide an ever improving transit system but to engage with transit users and the wider community in achieving that.

Burlington for Accessible Sustainable Transit is fully supportive of this proposal and of Transit Department Report TR-04-23 going forward to council for approval and implementation.

Submitted on behalf of Burlington for Accessible Sustainable Transit.

Jim Young, Member of the BFAST Steering Committee