

Blue Mountains Transit Update

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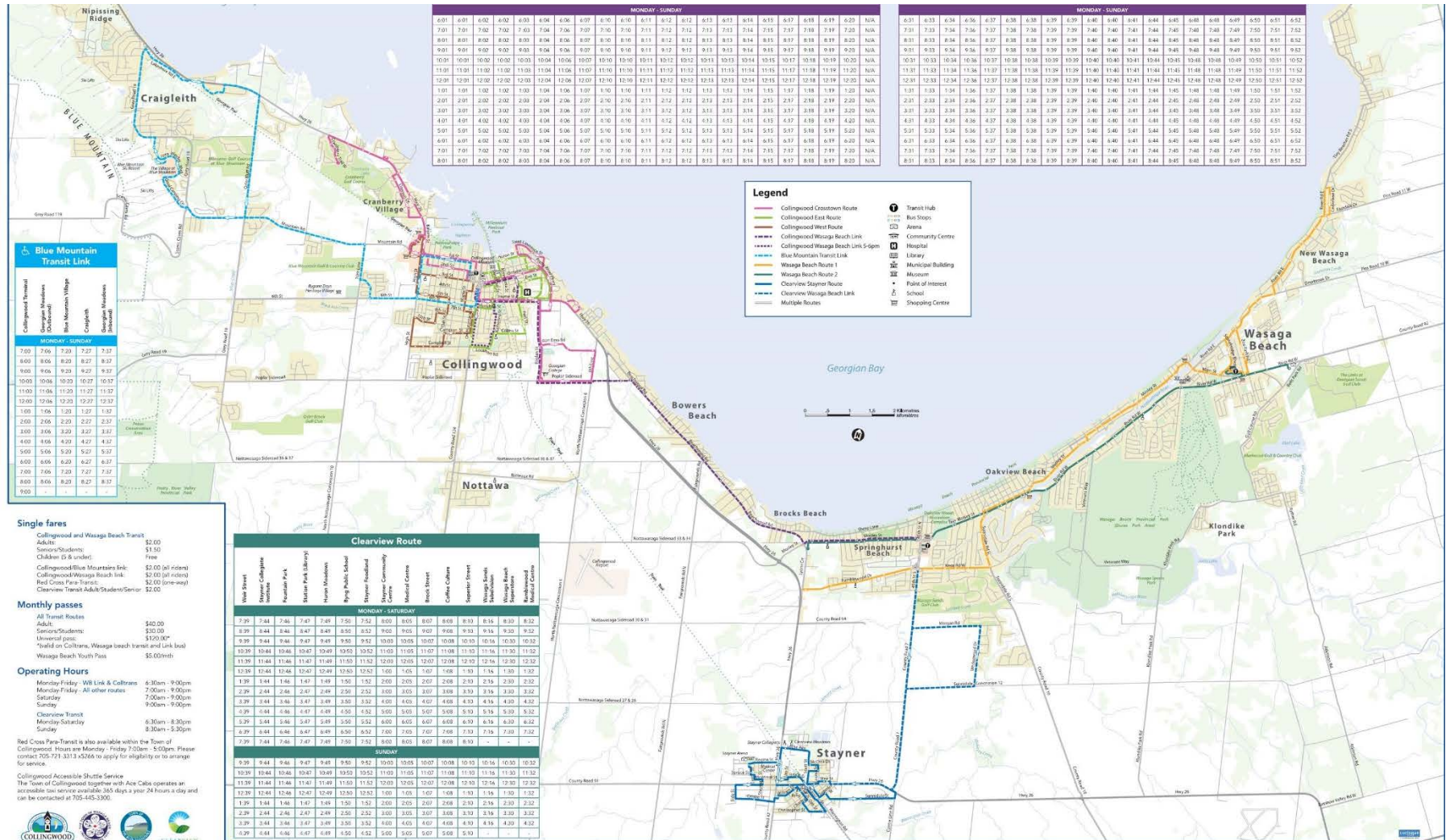




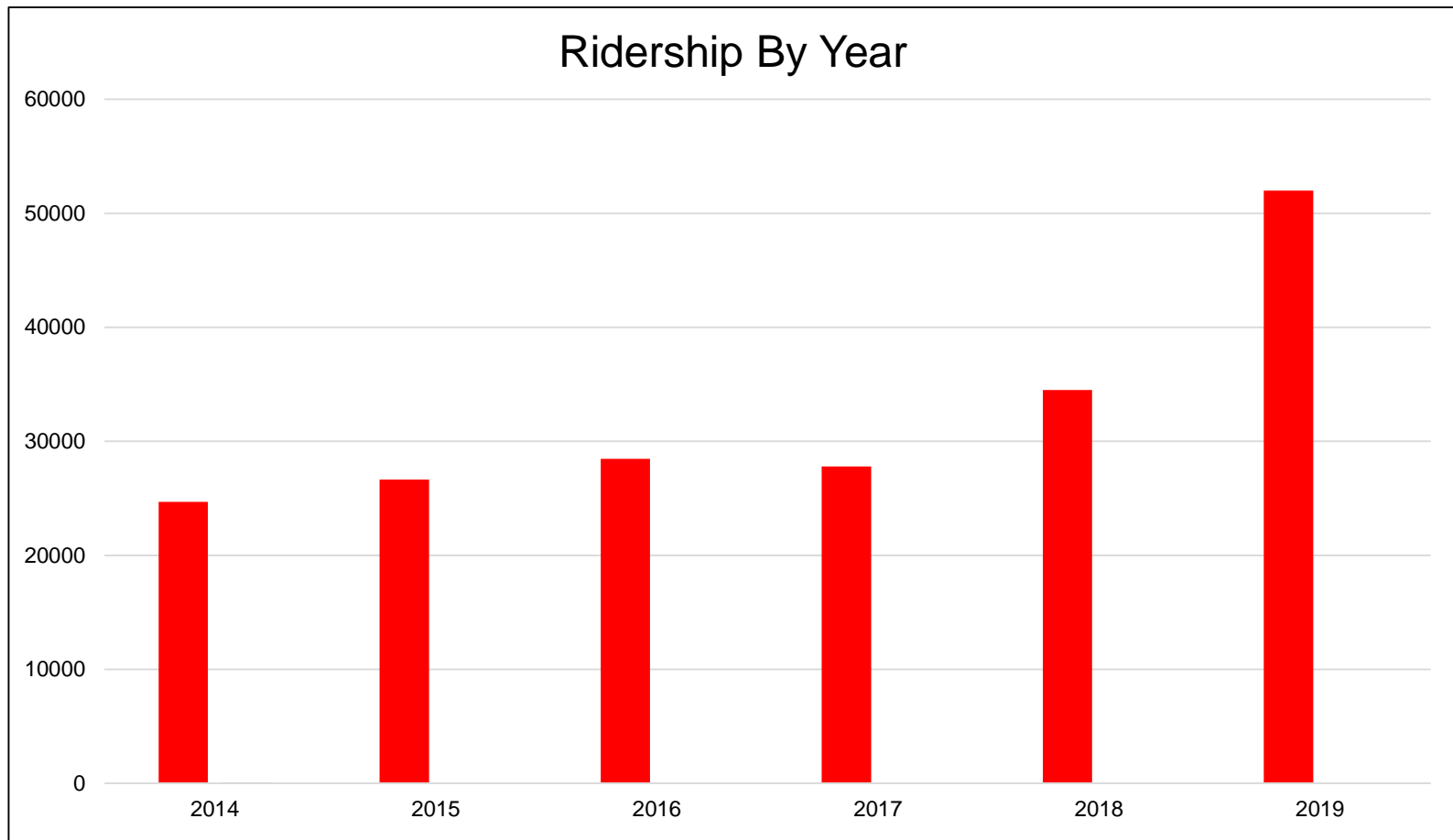
Background

- 2013: Blue Mountain Link established as a 6-month trial service
- March 2014: trial service ends and both Councils approve permanent service.
- September 2014: The Blue Mountains, Collingwood, Blue Mountain Village Association, and Blue Mountain Resort enter in to 5-year agreement.
- July 2018: service increased to full day (7:00am – 9:00pm).

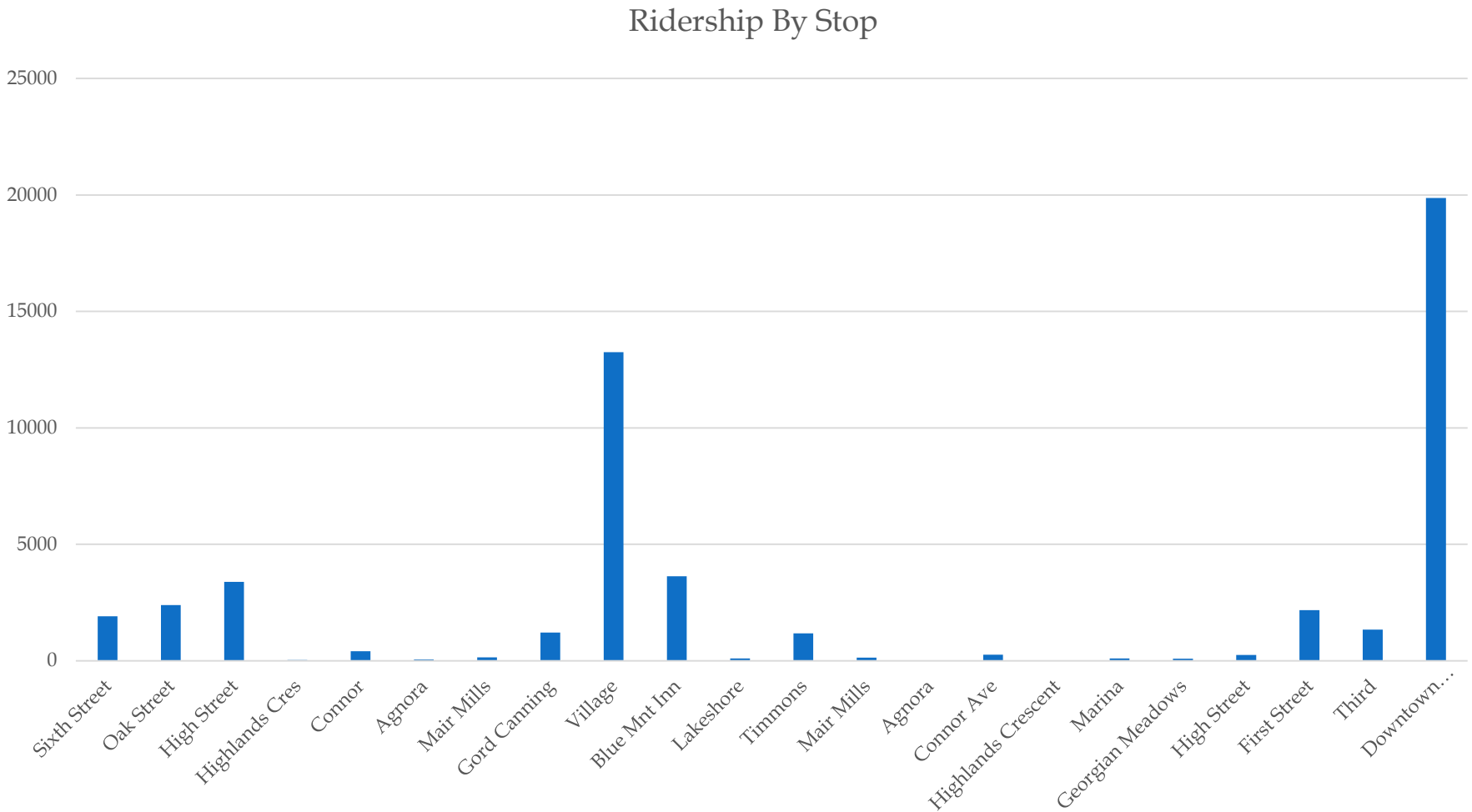
Regional Transit Map



5-Year Ridership



2019 Ridership By Stop



Budget

The Town of Collingwood
Bus Service - Blue Mt Link
For the Twelve Months Ending Thursday, December 31, 2020

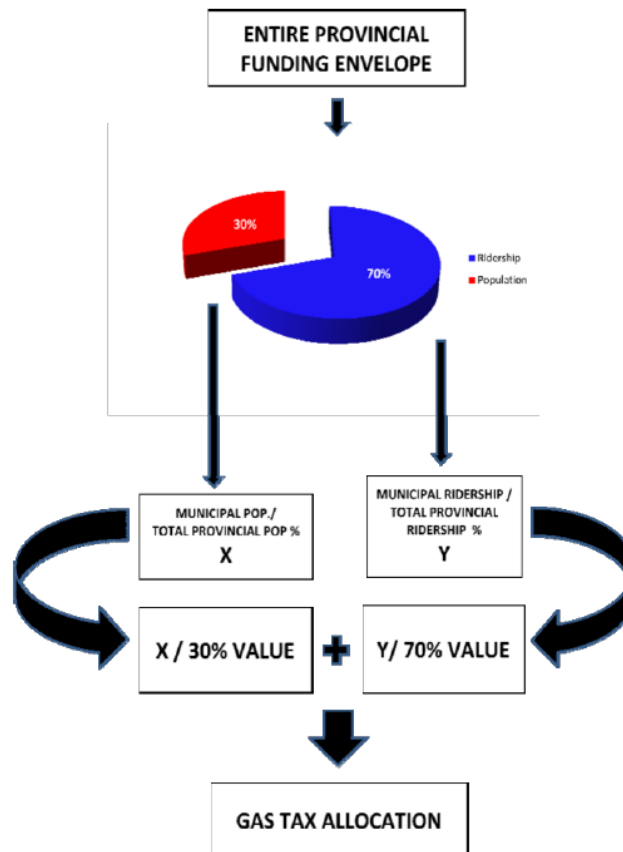
Account	Description	2020 Growth	2020 Proposed Budget
	REVENUE		
	Taxation		
	User Fees and Other Revenue		
41475	Bus Pass		\$21,000.00
42115	Core Funding		20,000.00
42900	E-purse Bus Pass		-
45300	Town of The Blue Mountains		86,363.50
46050	Provincial Funding		61,400.00
48300 +	Tickets		59,000.00
	Total User and Other Revenues	0.00	247,763.50
	TOTAL REVENUE	0.00	247,763.50
	EXPENSES		
50200	Advertising		500.00
53000	Contracted Services		269,603.00
55150	Fuel		56,524.00
63950	Repairs & Maint - Vehicles		7,000.00
66900	Sundry		500.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	0.00	334,127.00
	DEPARTMENTAL NET	0.00	-86,363.50



Budget – Factors Affecting Increases

- Additional Maintenance due to age of bus.
- Increase in fuel costs.
- Renewal of Contract in 2021.
- Increased administration costs. Town of Collingwood does not recover admin cost of the BM Link.
- Demand for increased level of service.

Gas Tax





Agreement - Key Highlights

- Outlines basic transit service
- Joint ownership of vehicle
- Defines allocation of Gas Tax funding and Collingwood as the host municipality
- Provision of insurance for all parties
- Termination of contract
- Cost recovery



Rationale for 1-Year Extension

- Grey County has approved transit links between Owen Sound and The Blue Mountains
- Current operations contract is 1.5 years away from completion
- Town of Collingwood undertaking a comprehensive Transit Operational Study
- Both municipalities to consider additional private partners