

**MOVING
TRANSIT
FORWARD**

Niagara Transit Governance

Revised Strategies Reflecting
Phase 1 Feedback

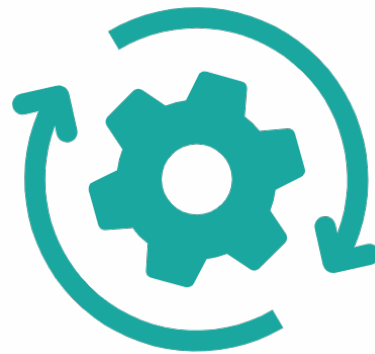
Niagara-on-the-Lake Council
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Our focus: Demonstrate what we heard during the first round of consultation, what has changed to address that feedback, and what the path forward is

**Phase 1
Consultation**



**Revised
Strategies**



**Phase 2
Consultation**



What We Heard

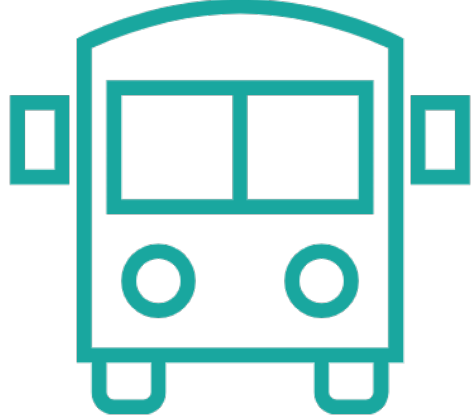
Phase 1 Municipal Themes / Focus Areas



Financial Strategy



Board Composition

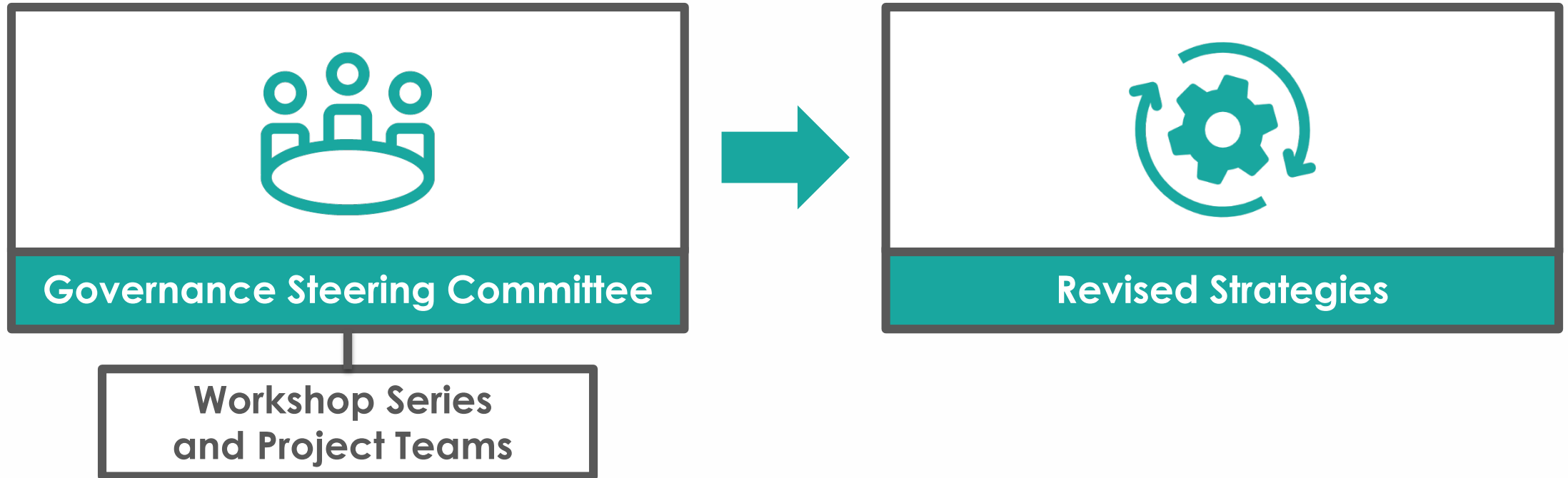


Service Standards Strategy



What We Heard

Leadership of CAO Governance Steering Committee



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Theme 1: Financial Strategy

Funding Strategy - 12 Special Levy Tax Rates

Existing Regional Transit Costs

Current state remains with costs allocated based on Region wide assessment

Local and Incremental Costs

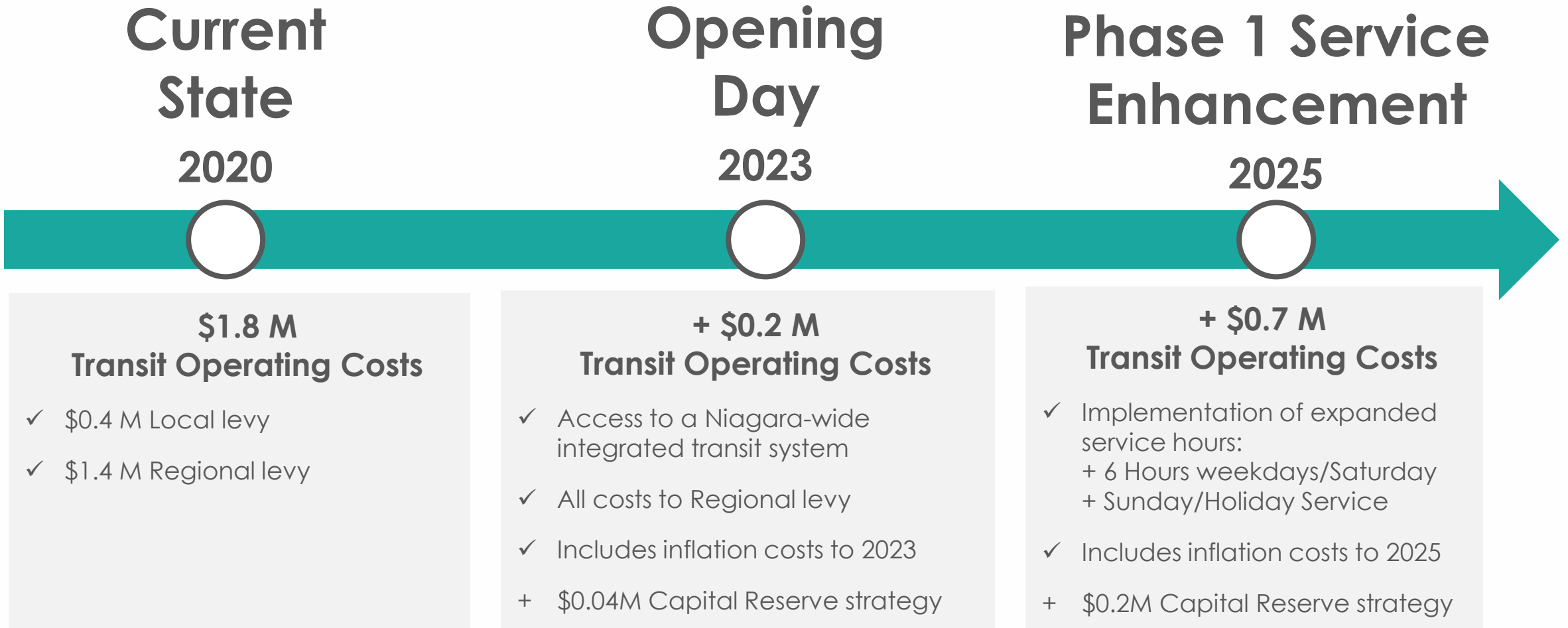
Costs allocated to municipalities based on service hours

What Has Changed?

- ✓ Municipalities who realize services will be allocated costs of those services
- ✓ Service Based Principle
- ✓ Incorporates service standardization costs and accounts for future growth
- ✓ Introduces a capital reserve strategy to ensure future needs of the Commission are met

Revised Strategies

Theme 1: Financial Strategy – Niagara-on-the-Lake



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Theme 2: Board Composition



What Has Changed?

- ✓ Representation for all municipalities on transitional Commission Board
- ✓ Local councils recommend representatives to Commission and Advisory Board

** Reviewed after three (3) years by an external third-party to ensure that composition, size, and share of representation has resulted in an effective governing body that is achieving the strategic objectives of the Commission*

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Theme 3: Service Standards Strategy

Service Standards Strategy outlines how transit in Niagara could be enhanced, should the combination of the existing transit services take place



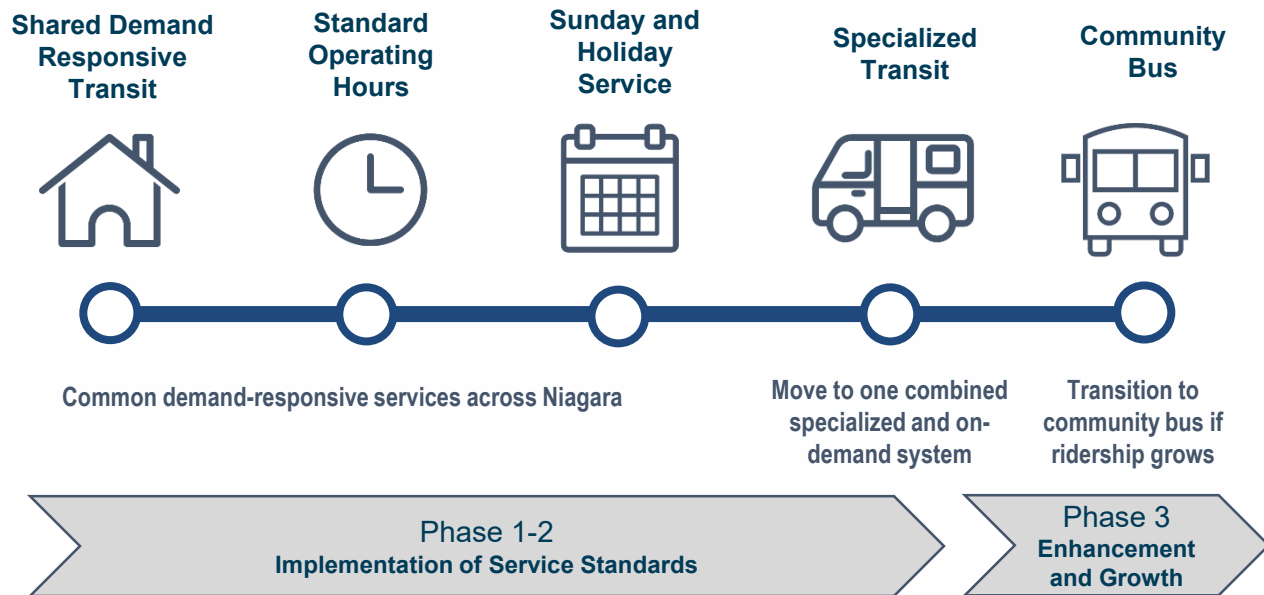
What Has Changed?

- ✓ Existing levels of service maintained and improved on
- ✓ Additional detail on where changes and growth may occur
- ✓ Three phases of improvements for Niagara residents
- ✓ Linked to Financial Strategy

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Theme 3: Service Standards Strategy – Niagara-on-the-Lake

Niagara-on-the Lake Enhancements

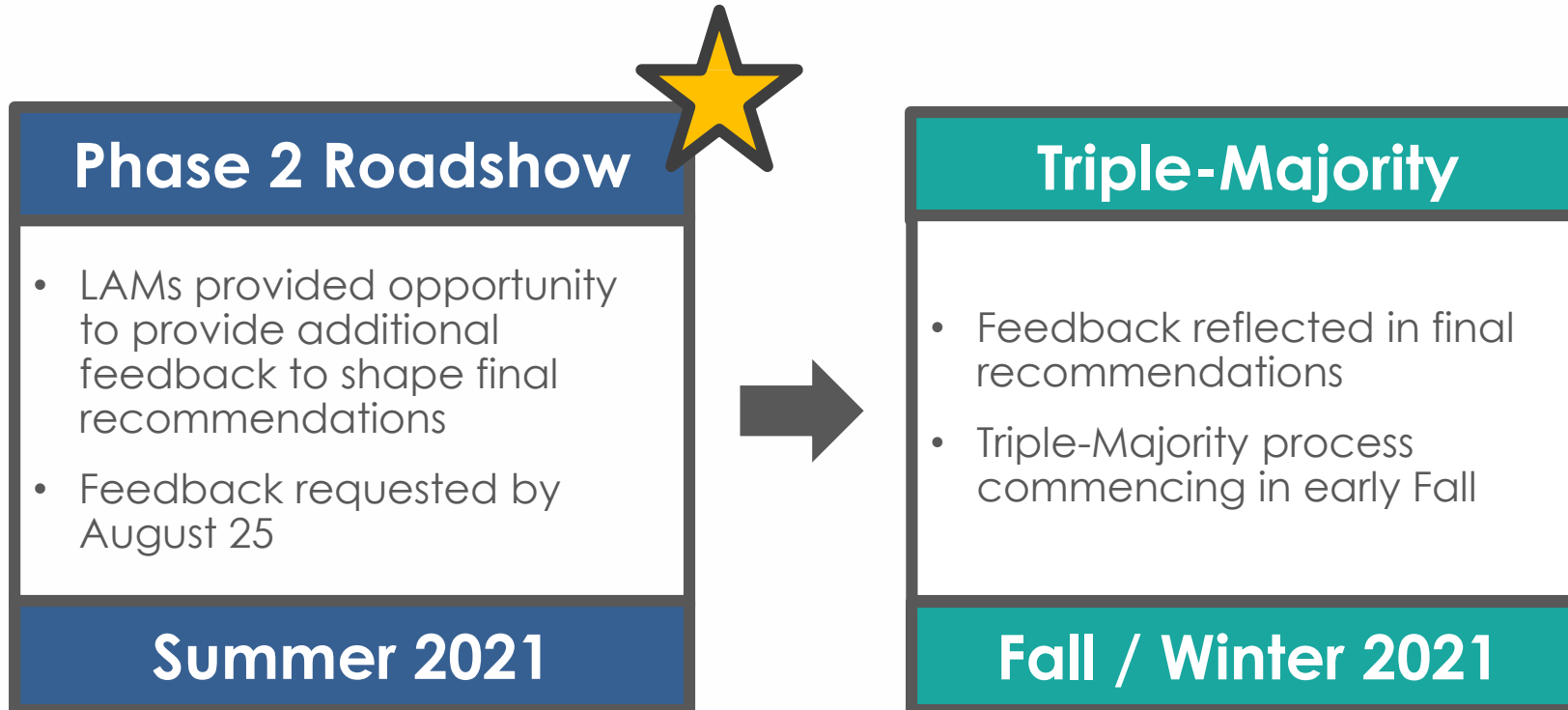


What Has Changed?

- ✓ Increased service hours: adding 6 a.m. - 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. - midnight, and include Sundays and Holidays
- ✓ Combine specialized and demand-responsive service
- ✓ Transition to community bus or conventional service in future should ridership grow
- ✓ WEGO will continue to operate separate from the Commission, with future direction to be provided as existing contracts are renegotiated.

Next Steps

Phase 2 Consultation and Triple-Majority



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Discussion