

# ***SAUGEEN MOBILITY***

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Dear Member Municipal Councils and CAOs,

Thank you for your continued partnership with Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit (SMART). SMART continues to increase its rides capacity, after the slowdown caused by COVID-19, and the company remains sound financially.

Throughout 2022, the SMART Board and management continued to review operations and practices to ensure effective and efficient service delivery. A few highlights from 2022:

1. SMART purchased three new 9-passenger buses in 2021. Two were received and one is due for 2023 delivery. These vehicles replacements are funded by the federal public transit infrastructure fund and the provincial gas tax program.
2. SMART management and Board members continue to dialogue with Bruce County, Grey County, Home and Community Support Services and Grey Transit Route staff in an effort to explore partnership possibilities and seamless accessible transportation across all Grey and Bruce communities.
3. In early April 2023, SMART's auditors sent an electronic copy of the financial statements to all member municipalities. Additionally, please find attached Ridership Statistic Summary January to December 2022.

Lastly, SMART management and its Board are considering various levels of services, to include Essential (current) and Enhanced service, and Cost Recovery (where a municipality would not contribute money but transportation fees would be set to the actual cost of a ride). We look forward to presenting these options to you.

Sincerely,

SMART Board of Directors

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