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Welland Transit Celebrates 35 Years on the Road

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Welland – Welland Transit staff shared cake and coffee with its riders yesterday, who rode free of charge all day on all transit routes, as it celebrated its 35th Anniversary.

Ward four councillor Pat Chiocchio was on hand to cut the 35th anniversary cake and congratulate Welland Transit on its ever-expanding service, which extends to Brock University in St. Catharines, as well as Port Colborne and Pelham.

“I’m happy to see Welland taking a leadership role in providing inter-municipal transit by extending our services into neighbouring communities. It allows people who wouldn’t normally have a convenient and economical way to get to appointments, work, and school, to do so,” said Chiocchio. “The more people that take advantage of our transit system, the less cars we will see on the road, which is a step in the right direction toward conservation and promoting a greener environment,” continued Chiocchio.



With about 40 people in attendance, including many past and present transit employees who helped celebrate this milestone, Transit Manager, Alfred Stockwell, expressed his thanks to both past and present transit staff and drivers, “for doing such a great job for the citizens of Welland and surrounding areas”.

Welland Transit staff was also on hand to present a cheque to Chris Steele from the Welland Hospital Foundation in the amount of \$707.75, which was raised by transit staff and ATU Local 1633 members.

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