



Citizens *for* Regional Transit

CRT News

Special Edition

**Memorial Planned for Betsy Giles
and
Meet Our New Board Member**

Memorial Planned to Honor and Remember Betsy Giles

We are working with the NFTA to install a bench and memorial plaque in memory of our recently deceased Board Member, Betsy Giles. The bench and plaque will be installed at the Amherst Metro Rail Station (on the Amherst Street side). This was Betsy's station, so a fitting place for her remembrance.

We are planning a memorial dedication ceremony for September 10th at 10:00 am. We will be unveiling a plaque and the bench, and spending some time to remember Betsy and her many contributions to CRT, transit, and everyone she touched.

I hope you will be able to join us in remembering Betsy. You can get there on via Metro Rail or any of a number of NFTA buses, specifically, the #8, 23, or 32. All have stops at the Amherst Station. Come on transit as Betsy would have wished. The event will also be viewable via Zoom.



Betsy, we miss you greatly!

CRT Welcomes Pat Whalen to the Board

We are pleased to announce that Pat Whalen has accepted our invitation to join the CRT Board to complete Betsy's term. The CRT Board voted unanimously to confirm Pat.

Pat is a long-time transit rider and supporter and has worked with CRT in promoting regional transit connectivity over the years. He even served as a speaker at a CRT Public Meeting.

Pat was a businessman and entrepreneur, having started several successful logistics companies. Following his success in the private sector, he served as the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus (BNMC) COO. He is now the Director of the Niagara Global Tourism Institute and the Interim President and CEO of the Canadian/American Border Trade Alliance. Betsy and I met with Pat on several occasions to coordinate promotion of regional rail between Niagara Falls and Buffalo and overcoming the barriers to implementing pre-clearance border crossing for Amtrak (and maybe someday for Toronto's GoTrain) at the Canadian border. He will be an important addition to the board.



Pat, welcome to the CRT Board!