



Transit Commission

Minutes 14

Monday, 09 May 2016

9:30 am

Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue West

- Notes:**
1. *Please note that these Minutes are to be considered DRAFT until confirmed by the Commission*
 2. *Underlining indicates a new or amended recommendation approved by Commission.*
 3. *Except where otherwise indicated, reports requiring Council consideration will be presented to Council on 25 May 2016 Transit Commission Report 8.*

Present:

Chair: S. Blais
Vice-Chair: M. Qaqish
Councillors: J. Cloutier, K. Egli, J. Leiper, T. Nussbaum, T. Tierney, M. Wilkinson
Public Members: S. Burt, B. Crew, G. Milner

Absent: Public Member: F. Malo

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Chair Blais presented the Transecure Award to bus operators Ken, Michel, Jean-François and Steven.

SYRIAN REFUGEE TRAVEL TRAINING PROGRAM

Chair Blais presented the work done by OC Transpo staff to assist the arrival of Syrian refugees to Ottawa. Including the Travel Training Program to teach the refugees how to use the public transit system.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were filed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- Minutes 11 - 17 February, 2016
- Minutes 12 and Confidential Minutes 2 - Special Meeting of February 24, 2016
- Minutes 13 and Confidential Minutes 3 - Special Meeting of 23 March, 2016

CONFIRMED

COMMUNICATIONS

Response to Inquiries

- OTC 06-15 - Low Income Transit Access (LITA)

Motion No. OTC 14 \ 1

Moved by Councillor B. Crew

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Transit Commission approve the addition of this item for consideration by the commission at today's meeting pursuant to subsection 89(3) of the Procedure By-Law (2014-441), for the purpose of discussion by the Commission to the information contained in the inquiry response.

CARRIED

Mr. Pat Scrimgeour, Assistant General Manager, Customer Systems and Planning provided a PowerPoint presentation on Low Income Transit Pass Discounts. A Copy of the presentation is held on file with the City Clerk and Solicitor's office.

The Commission heard from the following delegations who spoke in support of a low income transit pass:

- Kat Fortin, Associations of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN)
- Heather Stecher
- Trevor Haché, Healthy Transportation Coalition*
- Naheed Kahn and Rachel Manson, City for All Women Initiative (CAWI)*
- Chris Bradshaw

[* Individuals / groups marked with an asterisk above either provided comments in writing or by e-mail; all submissions are held on file with the City Clerk.]

Mr. Pat Scrimgeour, Mr. John Manconi, General Manager, Transit Services and Mr. Aaron Burry, General Manager, Community and Social Services responded to questions posed by Commission members.

In response to a question, Mr. Aaron Burry provided a PowerPoint presentation on funding of transit related benefits for Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP). A copy of the presentation is held on file with the City

Clerk and Solicitor's office.

Following questions to staff, the Commission voted on the following motions:

Motion No. OTC 14 \ 4

Moved by Councillor B. Crew

WHEREAS some citizens in Ottawa spend the majority of their income on food and shelter in that they live below the Low Income Cut-off (LICO) after tax, as defined by Statistics Canada,

AND WHEREAS such citizens are often either entirely reliant on public transit or public transit is a luxury that such citizens cannot afford,

AND WHEREAS mobility is an enabler for economic prosperity,

AND WHEREAS two of the city's goals are to foster economic development and social well-being,

AND WHEREAS the provision of social services is the responsibility of, and requires support from, all three level of Government;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario provides only time-limited transportation funding for citizens who live below the LICO after tax through the Ontario Works Program;

AND WHEREAS the existing seniors' monthly pass and Community Pass currently provides a 62 per cent discount over the cost of a regular monthly pass;

AND WHEREAS the cost of providing a similar discount to OC Transpo customers who are below the LICO after tax who do not already receive transportation funding through the Ontario Works Program would be \$3.3 million dollar per year,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Transit Commission recommends City Council, on behalf of the City of Ottawa, make a request to the Government of Ontario to fund, on an annual basis and indexed to inflation, the provision of a low income transit pass.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Ottawa approach the province of Ontario to determine how all low-income Ontarians could achieve improved access to transit in Ontario.

CARRIED

Motion No. OTC 14 \ 5

Moved by Councillor J. Leiper

WHEREAS affordable transit is a fundamental pre-condition to the participation by all residents in the economic and social life of this city; and,

WHEREAS the full-priced bus pass is a significant barrier to full participation by households that fall below the Low Income Cut-off (LICO) after tax; and,

WHEREAS thousands of residents have voiced their support for a low-income bus pass;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED any future fare table developed for consideration by Council include options for low-income transit pass for residents falling below the LICO after tax at some level of subsidy between 25-60%.

CARRIED

The Commission then RECEIVED the item as amended by motions OTC 14 / 4 and OTC 14 / 5.

- OTC 01-16 - O-Train Schedule

Motion No. OTC 14 \ 2

Moved by Councillor M. Wilkinson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Transit Commission approve the addition of this item for consideration by the commission at today's meeting pursuant to subsection 89(3) of the Procedure By-Law (2014-441), for the purpose of discussion by the Commission to the information contained in the inquiry response.

CARRIED

The Commission heard from the following delegate, Mr. Martin Ealy, who provided his concerns with the quality of service of the O-Train:

Mr. Pat Scrimgeour, Assistant General Manager, Customer Systems and Planning, and Mr. John Manconi, General Manager, Transit Services responded to questions posed by Commission members.

Following the questions to staff, the Commission RECEIVED the item for information.

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

CITY CLERK AND SOLICITOR DEPARTMENT

1. STATUS UPDATE – TRANSIT COMMISSION MOTIONS AND INQUIRIES FOR THE PERIOD ENDING APRIL 29, 2016

ACS2016-CMR-CCB-0032

CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Transit Commission receive this report for information.

RECEIVED

CITY TREASURER AND FINANCE

2. 2016 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET Q1 – TRANSIT COMMISSION
STATUS REPORT

ACS2016-CMR-FIN-0013

CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Transit Commission receive this report for information.

Motion No. OTC 14 \ 3

Moved by Councillor M. Qaqish

WHERE AS Document 4 – Discretionary Spending circulated with the agenda contained errors and a revised Document 4 was circulated to the Transit Commission on Friday May 6, 2016;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Transit Commission approve the revised Document 4 - Discretionary Spending.

CARRIED

Commissioner Cloutier noted that Document 2 there was an error in the column heading “Project-To-Date Expenditures as at Q1 2015” and should be Q1 2016. Staff will circulate a revised Document 2 with the correct column heading.

Mr. John Manconi, General Manager, Transit Services and Ms. Isabelle Jasmin, Deputy City Treasurer, Corporate Finances, responded to questions posed by Commission members. The report recommendation was RECEIVED as amended by Motion No. OTC 14 / 5 with the following Directions to Staff:

Direction to Staff:

1. Staff to provide information on how projects, listed under Growth and Renewal from Document 2 “Capital Works in Process”, are being funded.
2. Staff to provided further details to Growth project: “Non-Revenue Vehicle Additions – 2012”, as listed in Document 2 “Capital Works in Process”.

3. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY - CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR THE PERIOD
JULY 1, 2015 TO DECEMBER 31, 2015 FOR TRANSIT SERVICES

ACS2016-CMR-FIN-0011

City Wide

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Transit Commission and Council receive this report for information.

Mr. John Manconi, General Manager, Transit Services, responded to questions posed by Commission members. The report recommendation was RECEIVED as presented.

4. GENERAL ACCOUNTS – WRITE-OFFS 2015

ACS2016-CMR-FIN-0012

CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Transit Commission receive this report on the 2015 general accounts written off of \$155,150 as required by the Delegation of Authority By-law.

Mr. John Manconi, General Manager, Transit Services, responded to questions posed by Commission members. The report recommendation was RECEIVED as presented.

TRANSIT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

5. COST RECOVERY FOR FESTIVALS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

ACS2016-CMR-OCM-0012

City Wide

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Transit Commission receive this report for information.

Mr. John Manconi, General Manager, Transit Services and Mr. Pat Scrimgeour, Assistant General Manager, Customer Systems and Planning, responded to questions posed by Commission members. The report recommendation was RECEIVED as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Committee Coordinator

Chair