



Transit Commission

Minutes 28

Wednesday, 18 April 2018

9:30 a.m.

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.*

Present:

Chair: Councillor S. Blais

Vice Chair: Councillor M. Qaqish

Councillors: J. Cloutier, K. Egli, J. Leiper, T. Nussbaum,
T. Tierney, M. Wilkinson

Public Members: B. Crew, F. Malo, T. Mattila-Hartman, G. Milner

ANNOUNCEMENTS / CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

• **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – TRANSECURE AWARDS**

Chair Blais presented the TranSecure awards for the months of December, 2017 and January, 2018, as outlined below:

- OC Transpo Bus Operator Saif (December, 2017)
- OC Transpo Bus Operator Frank (January, 2018)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were filed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes 27, of the Transit Commission meeting of Wednesday February 21, 2018, were confirmed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Response to Inquiries

- OTC 01-17- Contingency Planning for Closure of LRT Stations in Cases of Emergency
- TTC 01-18 - Routes 12, 7 and 6 Bus Cancellation Rates

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK AND SOLICITOR

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

1. STATUS UPDATE - TRANSIT COMMISSION
MOTIONS AND INQUIRIES FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 11 APRIL 2018

ACS2018-CCS-TRA-0003

CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATION:

That the Transit Commission receive this report for information.

RECEIVED

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

REVENUE SERVICES

2. **GENERAL ACCOUNTS - TRANSIT WRITE OFFS 2017**

ACS2018-CSD-REV-0004

CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATION:

That the Transit Commission receive this report regarding the write off of \$74,295 of the 2017 general accounts, as required by the Delegation of Authority By-law.

Ms. Wendy Stephanson, Deputy City Treasurer, Revenue Services, Corporate Services Department, was present to respond to questions from the Commission regarding the collections process.

CARRIED

COMMISSIONER'S ITEM

3. ONGOING INSTRUCTION TO PROVIDE TRANSIT SERVICES
IN A MANNER THAT CELEBRATES DIVERSITY AND RESPECTS
FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

ACS2018-CCS-TRA-0002

CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATION:

That the Transit Commission approve the following resolution:

Be it Resolved that the Transit Commission for the City of Ottawa remain committed to equity and diversity, and will continue to provide OC Transpo's transit services in a manner that respects the fundamental freedoms guaranteed to all by the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

On 18 October 2017, the Province of Québec adopted *Bill 62*, entitled "*An Act to Foster Adherence to State Religious Neutrality*". Commissioner Crew drafted the Motion below for the Commission's consideration at its meeting of 21 February 2018. Due to time constraints, consideration of the Motion was deferred to the present meeting.

WHEREAS the Province of Québec recently passed Bill 62 into law, which is an Act that is entitled "*An Act to foster adherence to State religious neutrality*" ("the Legislation"); and,

WHEREAS the Legislation specifically applies to public transit authorities; and,

WHEREAS the Legislation specifies that persons in Québec who request a service from a personnel member of a body referred to in the Legislation must have their face uncovered when the service is provided; and,

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa operates OC Transpo, a transit service that

provides cross-border services into the Province of Québec; and,

WHEREAS this Legislation does not respect the fundamental freedoms of conscience and religion and freedom of expression guaranteed by Section 2 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*; and,

WHEREAS this Legislation and the enforcement of it does not respect the *Canadian Human Rights Act*; and,

WHEREAS the Mayor of the City of Ottawa advised the Premier of Québec, by letter dated October 25, 2017, that the City of Ottawa's bus drivers will not take any steps to enforce the Legislation and would be instructed not to do so;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Transit Commission for the City of Ottawa will remain committed to equity and diversity, and will continue to provide OC Transpo's transit services in a manner that respects the fundamental freedoms guaranteed to all by the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

Speaking to his Motion, Member Crew thanked Mayor Watson for his leadership in having spoken out in opposition to Bill 62. He recommended that the sentiments expressed by the Mayor and by the above Motion be strengthened by making them part of the Commission's operating procedures.

Councillor Wilkinson said she would support the above Motion, and noted that one of the City's resources used in the formulation of its policies was an *Equity and Inclusion Lens* that had been developed with help from the *City for All Women Initiative* (CAWI).

Transportation Services Department staff had indicated, within the report, that the Department was in support of the resolution. There being no further discussion, the report recommendation was put before the Commission and was 'CARRIED' as presented.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

4. RESPONSE TO INQUIRY TTC 01-18 -
ROUTES 12, 7 AND 6 BUS CANCELLATION RATES

CITY WIDE

As Councillor Nussbaum wished to raise this *Response to Inquiry* for discussion, he moved the following:

MOTION TTC 28/1

Moved by Councillor T. Nussbaum:

That, pursuant to Subsection 89(3) of Procedure By-law 2016-377, the Transit Commission approve that the Rules of Procedure be waived to allow for the addition of the following item for consideration by the Sub-Committee at today's meeting:

- **Response to Inquiry TTC 01-18 - Routes 12, 7 and 6 Bus Cancellation Rates.**

CARRIED

Messrs. John Manconi, General Manager, Transportation Services Department (TSD) and Pat Scrimgeour, Director, Transit Customer Systems and Planning, TSD, responded to questions from Councillor M. Fleury, who was present for this item, and Commission members Councillors Nussbaum, Tierney and Wilkinson on the impacts of ongoing construction, fluctuations in service, and challenges faced by transit users experiencing trip cancellations.

Discussions having concluded, the Commission RECEIVED the above item for information and also provided the following Direction to Staff:

DIRECTION TO STAFF:

That staff continue to engage in dialogue and discussions with the Councillors for Wards 11, 12 and 13 regarding changes and reductions that may occur to OC Transpo Routes 12, 7 and 6 through the next Transportation Master Plan review.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Committee Coordinator

Chair