



## **Transit Commission**

### **Agenda 30**

**Wednesday, November 17, 2021**

**9:30 a.m.**

### **Electronic Participation**

This Meeting will be held through electronic participation in accordance with Section 238 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* as amended by the *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020*. Persons wishing to view the meeting or provide comments on any of the agenda items should refer to the process detailed in and attached to this agenda as an annex.

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### **Committee Members:**

**Chair: Councillor A. Hubley**

**Vice-Chair: Councillor J. Cloutier**

**Councillors: R. Brockington, G. Gower, T. Kavanagh, C. McKenney, T. Tierney**

**Public Members: A. Carricato, M. Olsen, L. Williams, S. Wright-Gilbert**

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*Accessible formats and communication supports are available, upon request.*

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

[Minutes 28 – 20 October 2021](#)

[Confidential Minutes 28, 2021 – October 20, 2021 \(Distributed separately\)](#)

[Minutes 29 – 3 November 2021](#)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

1. CONFEDERATION LINE AND BUS SERVICE UPDATE

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## **FINANCE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### **CORPORATE FINANCE**

2. [2022 DRAFT OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET – TRANSIT COMMISSION](#)

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*Referred from the Transit Commission Meeting of November 3, 2021.*

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Transit Commission consider the relevant portions of the 2022 Operating and Capital Budgets and make recommendations to Council sitting in Committee of the Whole to be held December 8, 2021.**

**OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

3. [STATUS UPDATE – TRANSIT COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND MOTIONS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 4, 2021](#)

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**RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Transit Commission receive this report for information.**

**IN CAMERA ITEMS\***

**MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY GIVEN**

These motions of which notice has been previously given will be considered as part of Item 2 (2022 Draft Operating and Capital Budget – Transit Commission).

**Motion**

Moved by: Councillor C. McKenney

**WHEREAS the Transit Commission at its meeting of November 18, 2020, established a working group of its members to work with staff to review and recommend possible modifications to the OC Transpo fare structure to reduce financial barriers which reduce the ability to travel for those who need it the most and can afford it the least; and**

**WHEREAS the working group has met, has directed staff to conduct research, and has taken into account the expressed views of social agencies providing emergency shelter services; and**

**WHEREAS the working group members agree that increased access to transit services for emergency shelter clients provides a benefit not only to people experiencing homelessness but also to the City as a whole; and**

**WHEREAS** the working group members agree that providing access to the transit system for emergency shelter clients, who do not currently purchase transit fares and who cannot in their circumstance afford to purchase transit fares, does not represent a loss of revenue to the City; and

**WHEREAS** implementing this program would have no financial impact on the 2022 operating budget and requires only amending the user fee table; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Transit Commission recommend Council approve as follows:

1. That a program be established for the issuance of weekly and monthly transit passes for emergency shelter clients; and
2. That these passes be provided at no charge to the social agencies providing emergency shelter services, so that they may distribute them to their clients; and
3. That the agencies document the procedures under which they will distribute and control the passes through funding agreements with the City; and
4. That staff produce up to 2000 of these passes per period, in a mixture of weekly and monthly forms, that matches the needs of the agencies; and
5. That staff develop and implement appropriate procedures to monitor the use of these passes; and
6. That Schedule "C" (Fares for Transit Services) of the *Transit By-law* (By-law No. 2007-268) be amended accordingly to create a new category, Emergency Shelter Clients; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** staff monitor the distribution and use of these passes and provide further recommendations to the Transit Commission to expand or revise the program as appropriate.

#### **Motion**

Moved by: Councillor C. McKenney

**WHEREAS** the Transit Commission at its meeting of November 18, 2020, established a working group of its members to work with staff to review and recommend possible modifications to the OC Transpo fare structure to reduce

**financial barriers which reduce the ability to travel for those who need it the most and can afford it the least; and**

**WHEREAS the 2022 draft budget includes a fare freeze for transit customers who purchase the monthly Community Pass, the monthly Access Pass, or the monthly or single-ride EquiPass fares; and**

**WHEREAS the working group members agree that the fare freeze has been an appropriate way during the current term of Council to respect and address the financial challenges of people with disabilities and low-income residents; and**

**WHEREAS it is anticipated that the 2022-2026 Term of Council Governance Review would include high-level overview and recommendations regarding the anticipated budget process for the next Term of Council, and that the Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer would be bringing forward draft budget directions to Council early in the new Term prior to tabling of the 2023 Budget;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Transit Commission recommend Council direct the Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer, General Manager of Transit Services and General Manager of Community and Social Services to undertake a review of the Working Group's recommendation that the next Council consider a fare freeze for the Community Pass, the Access Pass, and the EquiPass for the entire Term of Council; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff report back on the results of this review as part of the 2018-2022 Term of Council Governance Review so that Council may consider this recommendation as soon as possible in the new Term of Council.**

#### **Motion**

Moved by: Councillor C. McKenney

**WHEREAS the City of Ottawa's current transit funding model requires transit users to pay 55 percent of the cost of transit, with general property tax revenues paying the rest; and**

**WHEREAS the federal government's national and international commitments to combat climate change include support for public transit;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Mayor and Transit Commission Chair write to the federal government requesting operational funding through the federal gas tax or other channels to reduce the user share of the cost of public transit so that we can reduce or eliminate user fees and encourage more transit use.**

**NOTICES OF MOTIONS (FOR CONSIDERATION AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING)**

**INQUIRIES**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT MEETING**

**To be determined.**

**\*Notice**

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*Note: 1. Please note that any written or verbal submissions (including your name but excluding personal contact information) will form part of the public record and*

- be made available to City Council and the public.*
- 2. Except where otherwise indicated, reports requiring Council consideration will be presented to Council on December 8, 2021 in Transit Commission Report 16.*
  - 3. Items listed under Communications and Information Previously Distributed do not form part of the regular Agenda and will not be discussed by the Committee unless added to the Agenda pursuant to Subsection 89.(3) of the Procedure By-law.*

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#### **Members of Committee and Council and Required City Staff:**

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#### **Other City Staff, Media and General Public**

Staff not participating in the meeting, the media and the general public must view the meeting via the [Ottawa City Council YouTube channel](#).

#### **Submissions to Committee**

Members of the public may provide either written or oral submissions (or both) to Committee for this meeting.

**Written comments:** Members of the public may submit written comments by email to the Committee Coordinator, or by calling the Committee Coordinator to have their comments transcribed. **Both written and oral comments are given equal consideration by the committee.**

**In order to ensure that written comments can be provided to the Committee prior to the meeting, the deadline for submitting written comments is 4:00 PM on the last business day prior to the meeting, being Tuesday, November 16.**

**Oral comments (public delegations):** Members of the public may register, by calling or emailing the Committee Coordinator, to provide oral comments during the meeting using Zoom. They must include their name, telephone number and email address (if available). Registration is required so that the Coordinator may provide Zoom meeting information to the speaker.

Please note that neither a computer, nor a video sharing device, is required to participate in the meeting via Zoom. Participants may join the Zoom meeting by calling a toll-free number.



**Should you wish to speak for up to five minutes during the Committee meeting, you may register with the Committee Coordinator by phone prior to 4:00 PM on the last business day prior to the meeting, being Tuesday, November 16, or by email no later than one hour prior to the start time set for the meeting, being 8:30 AM on Wednesday, November 17.**

**Please note that screen-sharing will not be enabled for participants during this meeting. Those delegates who wish to provide a visual presentation (PowerPoint or other) are required to register to speak and provide those materials to the committee coordinator prior to 4:00 PM on the last business day prior to the meeting, being Tuesday, November 16.**

The Committee Coordinator who is moderating the meeting will share your presentation from his/her screen as you speak.

After the above deadlines have passed, members of the public may submit comments to the appropriate Standing Committee (if applicable) and/or submit written comments to Council. Please note that comments received **after the above deadlines have passed** will be acknowledged by the Committee Coordinator and provided to all Members of Council as soon as possible prior to Council's final consideration of the item but may not be provided to the Transit Commission prior to its meeting.