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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM REGION TRANSIT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

A regular meeting of the Durham Region Transit Executive Committee was held on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 1:32 PM

Present: Commissioner Collier, Chair
Commissioner Barton, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Carter
Commissioner Drew
Commissioner Mulcahy
Regional Chair Henry

Absent: Commissioner Anderson
Commissioner Bath-Hadden
Commissioner Pickles

Staff

Present: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
W. Holmes, Acting General Manager, Durham Region Transit
J. Austin, Deputy General Manager, Business Services, Durham Region Transit
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
A. Naeem, Solicitor, Corporate Services – Legal
C. Norris, Manager, Customer Experience, Durham Region Transit
S. Pollock, Coordinator Communications, Durham Region Transit
C. Tennisco, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

1. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

2. **Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Commissioner Carter, Seconded by Commissioner Barton,
(44) That the minutes of the Regular Transit Executive Committee meeting held on June 5, 2019, as amended, be adopted.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Chair Collier asked that the June 5, 2019 Transit Executive Committee minutes be amended to reflect that he was absent on municipal business, as he was attending the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence City Initiatives annual meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Carter, Seconded by Commissioner Barton,
(45) That the minutes of the following meetings be adopted:

- Emergency Transit Executive Committee meeting held on July 11, 2019;
- Closed Emergency Transit Executive Committee meeting held on July 11, 2019.

CARRIED

3. Delegations

There were no delegations to be heard.

4. Presentations

There were no presentations to be heard.

5. Correspondence

There were no correspondence items to be considered.

6. Reports

A) Acting General Manager's Report – October 2019 (2019-DRT-15)

Report #2019-DRT-15 from W. Holmes, Acting General Manager, Durham Region Transit, was received.

W. Holmes responded to questions regarding the key performance indicators including the targets for the preventable collisions and the new 2019 benchmark to be used for the years 2020 and beyond; the On Demand ridership Year-to-Date (YTD) status; and what measures DRT is proactively taking to reduce the transfer challenges being experienced by Specialized Services customers travelling between Durham and Toronto, specifically at Altona Road and the McDonald's Restaurant in the City of Pickering

Moved by Commissioner Carter, Seconded by Commissioner Barton,
(46) That Report #2019-DRT-15 of the Acting General Manager, Durham Region Transit, be received for information.

CARRIED

B) Update on DRT Kids Ride Free Incentive Pilot Program (2019-DRT-16)

Report #2019-DRT-16 from W. Holmes, Acting General Manager, Durham Region Transit, was received. J. Austin responded to questions regarding the Kids Ride Free incentive pilot program and the estimated fare revenue impact of \$42,000; whether the increase in the Adult ridership during the summer was linked to the Program; and how the Program effected the "other" DRT fare categories.

Discussion followed on the long-term investment initiatives resulting from the Program in terms of setting future transit habits and behaviours; improving the health and well being of Durham Region residents; and the need to expand the inclusiveness of our Priority Neighbourhood residents.

Moved by Commissioner Carter, Seconded by Commissioner Barton,
(47) That the Acting General Manager of Durham Region Transit, be authorized to:

- A) Seek pre-budget approval to extend DRT's Kids Ride Free fare incentive pilot program for children 12 years of age and younger through the end of March 2020, with an estimated fare revenue impact of \$42,000;
- B) Remove the requirement for children riding free to be accompanied by a fare paying customer allowing all children 12 years of age and younger to ride transit free of charge effective January 1, 2020;
- C) Suspend Child ticket and pass sales, PRESTO Child fares and the Ride-to-Read program for the duration of the Kids Ride Free fare incentive pilot program;
- D) Report back through the 2020 budget process, in collaboration with the Finance Department, on Kids Ride Free uptake, including ridership and revenue impacts, and the potential for extending the pilot program to March 31, 2021; and
- E) Forward a similar report to the Finance and Administration Committee meeting on October 8, 2019.

CARRIED

This matter will be considered by the Finance & Administration Committee on October 8, 2019 and presented to Regional Council on October 23, 2019.

- C) Durham Region Transit Budget Status Report to August 31, 2019 and Full Year Forecast (2019-DRT-17)

Report #2019-DRT-17 from N. Taylor, Treasurer, Durham Region Transit, was received.

Moved by Commissioner Carter, Seconded by Commissioner Barton,
(48) That Report #2019-DRT-17 of the Treasurer, Durham Region Transit, be received for information.

CARRIED

- D) Metrolinx Extension of Maintenance Support Agreement for PRESTO Equipment (2019-DRT-18)

Report #2019-DRT-18 from W. Holmes, Acting General Manager, Durham Region Transit, was received.

Moved by Commissioner Carter, Seconded by Commissioner Barton, (49) That Report #2019-DRT-18 of the Acting General Manager, Durham Region Transit, be received for information.

CARRIED

7. **Advisory Committees**

7.1 Durham Region Transit Advisory Committee Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Mulcahy, Seconded by Commissioner Drew, (50) That the minutes of the following meetings be received for information:

- Transit Advisory Committee meeting held on May 21, 2019; and
- Transit Advisory Committee meeting held on September 17, 2019.

CARRIED

7.2 Durham Region Transit Advisory Committee Resolution

A) Appointment to TAC of Two Members at Large

Moved by Commissioner Carter, Seconded by Commissioner Drew, (51) That the Transit Advisory Committee (TAC) recommends to the Transit Executive Committee:

That Kayla Ginter and Jordan Hollingsworth be appointed by the Transit Executive Committee as the two Member at Large positions on the Transit Advisory Committee for the term of Council.

CARRIED

8. **Confidential Matters**

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

9. **Other Business**

9.1 Anti-idling Policy for Durham Region Transit Buses

Chair Collier provided an update on the Town of Ajax's Anti-Idling by-law. W. Holmes advised that Staff have reviewed the anti-idling by-laws of the five (5) local area municipalities; and noted the variability in the permitted idling times and upper and lower temperature limits. For operational purposes, DRT adopts the most stringent idling by-law requirements from the various by-laws to ensure compliance and consistency throughout the Region. Municipalities are responsible for enforcement of their idling by-law.

9.2 Opioid Overdose Health Care Epidemic

Concerns were raised regarding the Opioid overdose emergency crisis in Ontario. Discussion followed regarding the opportunities that exists for municipal responders to be trained in providing Naloxone kits; and whether Staff has discussed the possibility of DRT road supervisors being trained in recognizing an overdose and the administering/distributing of Naloxone kits. W. Holmes advised that some agencies have issued Naloxone kits to Special Constables and provided the appropriate training; and that Staff will take the matter under advisement.

9.3 Transit Assistance Program (TAP) Pilot

A question was raised regarding when the Transit Assistance Program (TAP) Pilot will become effective. W. Holmes advised November 1, 2019.

9.4 Durham Region Transit's Marketing Material "2-for-1 Youth Pass" is back!" Pamphlet

A package containing Durham Region Transit's marketing materials for the various promotions including the "On Demand" service, "2-for-1 Youth Pass" and the "Y10 Pass" was provided to the members in attendance.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Durham Region Transit Executive Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 1:30 PM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Commissioner Barton, (52) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:47 PM

Respectfully submitted,

S. Collier, Chair

Committee Clerk