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**The Regional Municipality of Durham**

**MINUTES**

**DURHAM REGION TRANSIT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, May 8, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Durham Region Transit Executive Committee was held on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 1:31 PM

Present: Commissioner Collier, Chair  
Commissioner Barton, Vice-Chair  
Commissioner Anderson  
Commissioner Bath-Hadden  
Commissioner Drew  
Commissioner Mulcahy attended the meeting at 1:33 PM  
Regional Chair Henry

Also

Present: Commissioner Wotten

Absent: Commissioner Carter was absent due to municipal business  
Commissioner Pickles

Staff

Present: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer  
V. Patterson, General Manager, Durham Region Transit  
J. Austin, Deputy General Manager, Business Services, Durham Region Transit  
W. Holmes, Deputy General Manager, Operations, Durham Region Transit  
A. McKinley, Deputy General Manager, Maintenance, Durham Region Transit  
A. Naeem, Solicitor, Corporate Services – Legal  
C. Norris, Manager, Customer Experience, Durham Region Transit  
S. Pollock, Communication Coordinator, Durham Region Transit  
S. Rashad, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
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 Barton, Seconded by Commissioner Drew,  
(27) That the minutes of the regular Durham Region Transit Executive  
Committee meeting held on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, be adopted.  
CARRIED

**3. Delegations**

There were no delegations to be heard.

**4. Presentations**

**4.1 Vince Patterson, General Manager, Durham Region Transit, Re: Update**

Vincent Patterson, Durham Region Transit, provided a PowerPoint presentation update on Durham Region Transit (DRT). A copy of the presentation was provided in the Agenda.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Conventional Ridership is up 1.0 percent above last year's, and 1.7 percent above Budget Target
- Of DRT's largest market segments, Adults and U-Pass, the U-Pass leads ridership growth at this time of year
- "Bus Full" Occurrences
- Express version of the 2018 Annual Performance Report
- Changes to the Provincial Gas Tax funding program
- Recent and on-going DRT activities

V. Patterson advised that to-date the intake process has yet to be announced on the project applications to be funded under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program for transit agencies in the 905 areas. He reviewed the Business Case phases for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in the Highway 2 and Simcoe Street corridors; the Public Information Centres (PIC) planned for June to advance the Preliminary Design Business Case (PDBC) work; and support work for the extension of the Lakeshore East GO rail line to Bowmanville, as well as any potential changes to the One Fare Agreement and bus services in the eastern and northern municipalities.

V. Patterson provided an update on delays with the device refresh project under the Metrolinx PRESTO electronic fare card system; and the new Fare Integration Forum toward more seamless transit travel.

V. Patterson responded to questions regarding the impacts from the elimination of the anticipated funding increases to the Provincial Gas Tax program for the years 2019 to 2022; and the scheduled increases in annual fees DRT pays to Metrolinx for the delivery of PRESTO services from the fare revenue collected. Discussion followed on the cost efficiencies being pursued by Metrolinx; the exclusion of the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) from paying the same levels of fees to Metrolinx; and transit services and infrastructure along Highway 2 to Clarington.

Commissioner Barton inquired about the OnDemand services and ridership numbers for the northern municipalities. V. Patterson advised staff would look into the OnDemand ridership volumes and follow up with Commissioner Barton directly.

Commissioner Drew asked when the problems regarding the new Route 950 services in the town of Port Perry will be resolved. C. Norris advised the changes to the Route 950 services should take place in September 2019.

## **5. Correspondence**

- A) Debbie Leroux, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk, The Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge, writing to Christopher Norris, Manager, Customer Experience, Durham Region Transit, advising that at their General Purpose and Administration Committee meeting held on March 18, 2019 the following motion was carried:

“THAT the General Purpose and Administration Committee appoint Glenn Weddel to the Durham Region Transit Advisory Committee.”

Moved by Commissioner Barton, Seconded by Commissioner Bath-Hadden,  
(28) That Glenn Weddel be appointed as the Township of Uxbridge’s  
representative on the Durham Region Transit Advisory Committee.  
CARRIED

## **6. Reports**

- A) Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit – Update (2019-DRT-7)

Report #2019-DRT-7 from V. Patterson, General Manager, Durham Region Transit, was received.

At the request of the Committee, V. Patterson provided an overview on the recommended alignments of the Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) infrastructure along Highway 2, as part of a hybrid alternative, as well as the potential treatment of pinch points and the extension to Scarborough Town Centre.

V. Patterson responded to questions regarding the BRT design and infrastructure; if the network can provide fast and reliable transit services; and the project costs.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Commissioner Anderson,  
(29) That Report #2019-DRT-7 of the General Manager, Durham Region Transit, be received for information.

CARRIED

[This matter will be presented at the Committee of Whole meeting on May 15, 2019.]

B) 2018 Durham Region Transit Annual Performance Report (2019-DRT-8)

Report #2019-DRT-8 from V. Patterson, General Manager, Durham Region Transit, was received.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Commissioner Anderson,  
(30) That Report #2019-DRT-8 of the General Manager, Durham Region Transit, be received for information.

CARRIED

C) Sole source purchase of Trapeze PASS-IPA software module for DRT Specialized Services (2019-DRT-9)

Report #2019-DRT-9 from V. Patterson, General Manager, Durham Region Transit, was received. W. Holmes responded to a question regarding whether the lack of reliable internet in the northern rural areas will impact the residents' ability to access the Trapeze PASS software.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Commissioner Anderson,  
(31) That approval be granted for the negotiation of a sole source purchase of licences and implementation services for the Trapeze PASS-IPA module.

CARRIED

This matter will be considered by the Finance & Administration Committee on May 14, 2019 and presented to Regional Council on May 29, 2019.

**7. Advisory Committee Resolutions**

There were no advisory committee resolutions to be considered.

**7.1 Durham Region Transit Advisory Committee**

There were no advisory committee minutes to be considered.

**8. Confidential Matters**

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

## **9. Other Business**

### **9.1 Innisfil Transit On-Demand Services in Partnership with Uber**

Discussion ensued regarding reviewing a new Town of Innisfil transit model and possible steps toward providing on-demand transit services in the northern municipalities in partnership with Uber; the potential financial considerations; and the need to look at opportunities to partner with the municipal local taxi services.

Staff was requested to review the Town of Innisfil on-demand transit service model and report back to TEC on the potential for partnerships with Durham Region's local taxi services to provide on-demand transit services in the northern municipalities; and DRT's current costs to provide on-demand transit services to the northern municipalities. It was also requested that on-demand services be considered for the rural areas in the Municipality of Clarington.

The Chief Administrative Officer advised the Committee that staff is undertaking a full review of how transit services are delivered in the Region's northern municipalities. She advised that staff will look at the options available for partnerships with Uber and the local taxi services and report back by the end of the year.

### **9.2 Durham District School Boards – Yellow School Buses**

Chair Collier advised he had the opportunity to speak with the Durham District School Board (DDSB) in regard to their existing yellow bus servicing contracts; and the potential for the School Boards to enter into discussions with the Regional Chair and the General Manager of Durham Region Transit (DRT) to look at future options to get more students to travel on DRT buses.

Staff was directed to review the Kingston Transit model and report on opportunities for subsidization by the school boards to attract students to utilize existing DRT bus services.

### **9.3 Metrolinx PRESTO Agreements and Provincial Gas Tax Program**

Chair Collier advised the Committee of his past opportunities to speak with the Honourable Steven Del Duca, former Minister of Transportation, on the financial impacts resulting from the PRESTO Agreements with the transit agencies; future fees; and the recent elimination of the expected increases in the Provincial Gas Tax funding program.

It was suggested that the Chair of TEC write a letter to the Premier of Ontario outlining TEC's concerns on these matters.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Commissioner Barton,  
(32) A) That the Chair of the Transit Executive Committee be authorized to write a letter, on behalf of TEC, to the Premier of Ontario, expressing concerns regarding the financial impacts to the Durham Region Transit Commission resulting from the Metrolinx PRESTO Agreement scheduled fee increases in light of the recent elimination of expected increases in the Provincial Gas Tax funding in the years 2019 to 2022; and

B) That the Premier of Ontario be asked to review opportunities for transit funding equalization in the Regional Municipality of Durham as part of the 905 Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area.

CARRIED

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Durham Region Transit Executive Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 5, 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 Mulcahy,  
(33) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:14 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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S. Collier, Chair

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C. Tennisco, Committee Clerk