



## REGULAR BUSINESS

### MEETING OF THE ST. JOHN'S TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

A meeting of the St. John's Transportation Commission was held on Thursday, November 29, 2018 commencing at 1:30 PM at the Metrobus Transit Centre, 25 Messenger Drive.

Present at the meeting were:

Wally Collins	Chair/Councillor
Shawn Skinner	Vice Chair
Colleen Galgay	Commissioner
Ian Froude	Commissioner/City Councillor
Dave Lane	Commissioner/City Councillor (By Telephone)
Kirsten Morry	Commissioner
Paul Walsh	Commissioner
Judy Powell	General Manager
Linda Ryan	Administrative Assistant

Absent:

Kevin Breen	City Manager
Derek Coffey	Deputy City Manager, Financial Management

#### I. PROCEDURAL

- The Chair called the meeting to order.
- L. Ryan recorded the minutes.

#### II. AGENDA/MINUTES

- Commissioner Galgay moved that the agenda for this meeting date be approved as circulated; Vice Chair Skinner seconded the motion.
- Commissioner Walsh moved that the minutes of the regular business meeting of the Commission held on October 24, 2018 be approved as distributed; Commissioner Froude seconded the motion.

#### III. BUSINESS ARISING

- There was no business arising from the October, 2018 business meeting.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. Financial Statements

- The financial statements for October, 2018 were tabled and discussed.

##### 2. Executive Summary

- The Executive Summary for the month of October, 2018 was tabled and reviewed.
- The average price of diesel fuel was \$1.2021 per litre in October compared to the budgeted price of \$1.04.
- A meeting will be held with the "The Link" partners to review low ridership for the 2018 tourism season.

##### 3. Ridership

- Ridership growth remains strong and was 299,274 during November, up 8.6% from the same month in 2017 (275,603) and 7.7% ahead of budget.
- This is the fourth consecutive month of 5+% increase in ridership. We are now 3.9% ahead of last year's ridership through 10 months.

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### 3. Ridership (Continued)

- The General Manager noted that it is challenging, at times, to explain an increase in transit ridership and the factors that most influence transit use.
- Economy, population density, levels of private vehicle ownership, parking availability and cost, transit networks, fares, transit system safety and cleanliness, topography, accessibility, route design, service frequencies, weather, culture, travelers and transit operators' attitudes and perceptions, and public finance policies are just some of the things to be considered. The importance and interaction of these factors is complex.

#### **ACTION:**

- Commissioner Froude asked that Metrobus staff research the factors that we have control over that might contribute to the current ridership trend.

### 4. CoenCorp

- The CoenCorp Fuel Monitoring System was procured by Marco when the new Metrobus facility was being built.
- The cost breakdown for this item (including expense for fuel system infrastructure) is being researched by the Finance Manager.

## V. OTHER (Information/Community)

### 1. Growlers Hockey ECHL Game, December 7<sup>th</sup> – Park-and-Ride Pilot

- Park-and-Ride service will be available for the Growlers ECHL game on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at Mile One Stadium.
- Shuttles will be on a load-and-go basis starting one hour before game time from Bowring Park and Confederation Building. Return shuttles will be available immediately following the game.
- The fare is \$5.00 per person and covers transportation to and from Mile One Centre and is payable only on the way to Mile One Centre.
- A proof of payment system will be in place. Customers must present their proof of payment upon boarding the shuttle after the game. Customers without the required proof of payment will be denied boarding.
- Exact fare is requested, as Metrobus drivers do not carry change.
- This service is a pilot at the request of the Growlers who will fund any potential loss that might occur to Metrobus.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business to discuss at this time, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Wally Collins  
Chair

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Linda Ryan  
Administrative Assistant