



Transit Commission

MINUTES 28

Wednesday, 17 October 2012, 9:30 a.m.

Present : D. Deans (Chair), K. Egli (Vice-Chair), S. Blais, R. Bloess, B. Crew, S. Desroches, J. Ferrabee, S. Qadri, E. Rahn, T. Tierney, M. Wilkinson

Regrets: C. Reporter

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes 27 of 27 September 2012 were confirmed.

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PRESENTATIONS

1. CHAIR'S UPDATE

CITY WIDE

The Commission received an update from Chair Deans in which she highlighted the following:

- A special Transit Commission meeting to be held on 24 October 2012 to table the relevant (transit) portions of the 2013 Draft Operating and Capital Budget; followed by consideration of the item at its meeting on 21 November 2012
- OC Transpo graduates of its Travel Training program who recently received Duke of Edinburgh Awards from Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex
- The first annual OC Transpo 5km 'Run in Red / Walk in White' event, hosted by Wellness, Recreation and Fitness and benefiting The Heart & Stroke Foundation
- Her recent attendance at the Annual meeting of the American Public Transit Association.

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2. UPDATE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER, TRANSIT SERVICES

CITY WIDE

John Manconi, General Manager of Transit Services, provided an update on OC Transpo's 2012 Roadeo, in support of the United Way, that took place on 14 October 2012.

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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE CITY CLERK AND SOLICITOR DEPARTMENT

3. STATUS UPDATE – TRANSIT COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND
MOTIONS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 2 OCTOBER 2012

ACS2012-CMR-CCB-0072

CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Transit Commission receive this report for information.

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**CITY OPERATIONS
TRANSIT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

4. PARA TRANSPO SERVICE-DELIVERY MODEL AND VEHICLE ACQUISITION
ACS2012-COS-TRA-0012 CITY WIDE
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REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Transit Commission recommend that Council approve:

- 1. That OC Transpo continue to provide Para Transpo services through its internal mini-bus service and external taxi contract; and,**
- 2. That OC Transpo staff be authorized to proceed with the procurement and acquisition of the replacement Para Transpo mini bus fleet.**

Troy Charter, Manager, Transit Operations, provided a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is held on file.

Dianne Breton, Ottawa Seniors Transportation Committee, spoke about an existing gap involving Para eligible rural residents using wheel chairs. She provided suggestions on loops that could be closed in order for Para Transpo services to meet the needs of their rural clients. A copy of Ms. Breton's detailed submission is held on file.

Craig Watson remarked that Para Transpo operators' satisfaction and sense of security has increased since the Para contract has been in-house and relations between the City and the operators have been good, which, in turn, has had a beneficial impact on the relationship between Para operators and their passengers.

The report recommendations were put to the Commission and CARRIED as presented.

5. STATUS UPDATE ON TRANSIT SERVICES DEPARTMENTAL
PRIORITIES - 2012
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REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Transit Commission receive this report for information.

John Manconi, General Manager of Transit Services, provided an overview of the report. A copy of his PowerPoint presentation is held on file.

At Commissioner Tierney's request, staff agreed to ensure that the four east-end Councillors (for wards 1, 2, 11 and 19) are included in the processes related to major construction projects in those wards so they can assist with communications as necessary.

The report was put to the Commission and RECEIVED.

NOTICE OF MOTION (FOR CONSIDERATION AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING)

Councillor R. Bloess

Whereas this Council term is half-way through the current mandate, and

Whereas the Joint Consultative Committee is not active as the three Councillors representing the City of Ottawa no longer sit on Council, and

Whereas the Transit Commission has not been fulfilling its mandate in regard to interprovincial transit issues within the National Capital Region,

Be It Resolved that the Transit Commission consults with the Société de transport de l'Outaouais (STO) to re-engage the Joint Consultative Committee with representation from Ottawa and Gatineau; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Chair of the Transit Commission solicit interest from members of the Transit Commission to ascertain membership on the Joint Consultative Committee.

Note: On May 1, 2012 the Deputy City Manager, City Operations and the General Manager of Transit Services met with the General Manager of the Société de transport de l'Outaouais (STO). At the meeting, both parties agreed to re-establish regular operational meetings, where the management teams will explore

opportunities to encourage dialogue. The General Managers have also made a commitment to go back to their respective commissions to reinstate a working group of elected representatives to discuss issues of mutual interest to both municipalities. A follow-up meeting has been scheduled in early June to advance the initiatives described above.”

ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

***Original signed by
M. Duffenais***

Commission Coordinator

***Original signed by
Councillor D. Deans***

Chair