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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

DURHAM REGION TRANSIT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

A regular meeting of the Durham Region Transit Executive Committee was held on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 1:31 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Schummer, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Brenner
Commissioner Carter*
Commissioner Garrod
Commissioner Roy*
Commissioner Wotten
Regional Chair Henry

***denotes Commissioners participating electronically**

Absent: Commissioner Crawford
Commissioner Anderson, was absent on municipal business

Also

Present: None

Present: S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
S. Dessureault, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
B. Fisher, Supervisor, Customer Service, Durham Region Transit
K. Hornburg, Deputy General Manager, Business Services, Durham Region Transit
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
J. Kilgour, Acting Deputy General Manager, Maintenance, Durham Region Transit
N. Lysaght, Manager, Policy and Planning, Durham Region Transit
A. Mak, Supervisor, Financial, Durham Region Transit
A. Naeem*, Solicitor, Legal Services
A. Pezzetti, Deputy General Manager, Operations, Durham Region Transit
Z. Osime-Fakolade*, Program Manager, Community Engagement and Change Management, Durham Region Transit
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
N. Taylor, Treasurer, Durham Region Transit, and Commissioner of Finance
K. Wesener, Data Analyst, Durham Region Transit

C. Yuen, Program Manager, Technology Solutions, Durham Region Transit
* **denotes staff participating electronically**

In the absence of Chair Crawford, Vice Chair Schummer assumed the Chair.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Garrod, Seconded by Commissioner Brenner,
(27) That the minutes of the regular Durham Region Transit Executive
Committee meeting held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, be adopted.
CARRIED

Kris Hornburg, Deputy General Manager, Business Services, Durham Region Transit highlighted to the Committee the exceptional support that was provided to Durham Region Transit (DRT) from Nova Bus after the fire at the DRT facility in August of 2023. K. Hornburg thanked Nova Bus for the prompt delivery of buses to DRT and announced that the first electric buses for DRT will arrive at the end of this month.

Regional Chair Henry asked staff to send correspondence to Nova Bus to provide thanks on behalf of the Committee.

4. Presentations

There were no presentations heard.

5. Delegations

Moved by Commissioner Brenner, Seconded by Commissioner Wotten,
(28) That the rules of procedure be suspended in order to hear Joell
Vanderwagen, Oshawa resident, as a delegation.
CARRIED ON A 2/3rds VOTE

5.1 Joell Vanderwagen, Oshawa Resident (In Person Attendance), re: Need for
Continuous Service on Arterial Roads

Joell Vanderwagen, Oshawa resident, appeared before the committee with respect to the need for continuous service on arterial roads.

J. Vanderwagen expressed concerns regarding a need for direct routes and continuous bus service on the major arterial roads in the Region of Durham and provided the Committee with examples of specific trips where the lack of direct service has impacted commuting time.

J. Vanderwagen recommended to the Committee that the Bloor, Victoria and Bayly routes have continuous service; bus drivers should be included in the planning and decision making of DRT; and creating a beneficial cycle of rising ridership and revenue growth for DRT.

6. Correspondence

- A) Correspondence received from Martin Gallagher, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Safety Officer, Metrolinx, dated March 19, 2024, re: Resolution from the Transit Executive Committee requesting to Reinstate Weekday January 2020 Levels of Service on the Lakeshore East Line
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Moved by Commissioner Brenner, Seconded by Commissioner Wotten,
(29) That correspondence received from Martin Gallagher, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Safety Officer, Metrolinx, dated March 19, 2024, re: Resolution from the Transit Executive Committee requesting to Reinstate Weekday January 2020 Levels of Service on the Lakeshore East Line, be received for information.

CARRIED

- B) Correspondence received from Joell Vanderwagen (Resident), dated May 27, 2024, re: Need for Continuous Service on Arterial Roads
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Moved by Commissioner Brenner, Seconded by Commissioner Wotten,
(30) That correspondence received from Joell Vanderwagen (Resident), dated May 27, 2024, re: Need for Continuous Service on Arterial Roads, be received for information.

CARRIED

- C) Correspondence received from Noah Edwards (Resident), dated June 3, 2024, re: Report #2024-DRT-10: General Manager's Report – June 2024
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Moved by Commissioner Brenner, Seconded by Commissioner Wotten,
(31) That correspondence received from Noah Edwards (Resident), dated June 3, 2024, re: Report #2024-DRT-10: General Manager's Report - June 2024, be referred to consideration of Report #2024-DRT-10: General Manager's Report – June 2024.

CARRIED

- D) Correspondence received from Noah Edwards (Resident), dated June 3, 2024, re: Report #2024-DRT-12: U-Pass Negotiation Framework
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Moved by Commissioner Brenner, Seconded by Commissioner Wotten,
(32) That correspondence received from Noah Edwards (Resident), dated June 3, 2024, re: Report #2024-DRT-12: U-Pass Negotiation Framework, be referred to consideration of Report #2024-DRT-12: U-Pass Negotiation Framework.

CARRIED

7. Reports

A) General Manager's Report – June 2024 (2024-DRT-10)

Report #2024-DRT-10 from B. Holmes, General Manager, Durham Region Transit, was received.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Commissioner Wotten,
(33) That Report #2024-DRT-10 of the General Manager, Durham Region Transit, be received for information.

CARRIED

B) Specialized Transit: Resumption of Integrated Trips (2024-DRT-11)

Report #2024-DRT-11 from B. Holmes, General Manager, Durham Region Transit, was received.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Commissioner Wotten,
(34) That Report #2024-DRT-11 of the General Manager, Durham Region Transit, be received for information.

CARRIED

C) U-Pass Negotiation Framework (2024-DRT-12)

Report #2024-DRT-12 from B. Holmes, General Manager, Durham Region Transit, was received.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Commissioner Wotten,
(35) A) That Durham Region Transit (DRT) staff be authorized to negotiate separate and independent U-Pass agreements with each of Durham College, Ontario Tech University, and Trent University (Durham Campus), or a single joint agreement, at the sole discretion of the General Manager of Durham Region Transit, or their delegate, to allow for mutually beneficial considerations and risk mitigation during UPass contract negotiations;

B) That the agreement(s) established with each of Durham College, Ontario Tech University, and Trent University (Durham Campus) be negotiated with an intent to realign U-Pass rates to better match upcoming service growth as endorsed by Council on DRT's Long-Term Service & Financing Strategy, a more appropriate revenue cost ratio and alignment with DRT's Council endorsed fare pricing strategy, and in consideration of switching from the Presto E-Ticket Solution to the Presto Mobile Wallet Solution, as presented in

Confidential Attachment #1 to Report #202-DRT-12 of the General Manager, Durham Region Transit;

- C) That in conjunction with Recommendation B) and the information presented in Confidential Attachment #1 to Report #2024-DRT-12, and as part of an overall negotiation strategy, staff be provided delegated authority to discontinue the UPASS with one or more of the post-secondary institutions in the event reasonable attempts at achieving increases fail during referendums and the costs to administer the program, including staff costs, outweigh revenues; and
- D) That the negotiated agreements be brought back to the Transit Executive Committee and then to the Finance and Administration Committee for final approval.

CARRIED

8. Advisory Committee Resolutions

There were no advisory committee resolutions considered.

9. Confidential Matters

There were no confidential matters considered.

10. Other Business

There was no other business considered.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Durham Region Transit Executive Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 1:30 PM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

12. Adjournment

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:44 PM

Respectfully submitted,

W. Schummer, Vice-Chair

S. Dessureault, Committee Clerk