



Direction Memorandum

TO: Transit Executive Committee

FROM: Alexander Harras, Director of Legislative Services/Regional Clerk

DATE: March 26, 2025

RE: Resolution adopted by Regional Council at its meeting held on March 26, 2025

Corporate Services
Department –
Legislative Services

THIRD REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

6. Motion regarding Free Transit for veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces, Reservist, or full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces
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SEE ATTACHED.

Alexander Harras

A. Harras
Director of Legislative Services/Regional Clerk

- c. W. Holmes, General Manager, Durham Region Transit
S. Dessureault, Committee Clerk

Whereas Metrolinx, the operator of GO transit, announced that it is providing free service to GO passengers who are veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces, Reservist, or full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces; and

Whereas we owe a debt of gratitude to those who serve our country in the Canadian Armed Forces in past conflicts and in the current defence of our country; and

Whereas the integrated fares between Metrolinx and local municipal transit systems has meant that there is seamless travel between GTHA transit authorities; and

Whereas it is the intent of Durham Regional Council to recognize the contribution of those that have served in our Canadian Armed Forces; and

Whereas making transportation a seamless opportunity for past and current members of the Canadian Armed Forces is a desired outcome;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That:

1. Durham Regional Council requests that the Transit Executive Committee consider the concept of allowing past and current members of the Canadian Armed Forces to ride for free on Durham Regional Transit subject to approval of the updated Fare Strategy in 2025, and consideration for the 2026 Budget; and
2. This resolution be forwarded to the Transit Executive Committee for consideration at their next meeting.