

Location:	Committee Room C-12, Tom Davies Square
Commencement:	4:02 PM
Adjournment:	4:50 PM

## Minutes

**For the 2<sup>nd</sup> Transit Committee Meeting held  
Friday, March 25, 2011**

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### **COUNCILLOR CIMINO, IN THE CHAIR**

#### Councillors

Councillors Berthiaume, Kilgour

#### Staff

B. Lautenbach, General Manager of Growth & Development; R. Sauvé, Director of Transit Services; R. Gauthier, Manager of Transit Operations; B. Fleury, Senior Budget Analysis; A. Haché, City Clerk; L. Collin, Planning Committee Secretary

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof None Declared.

## Presentations

- 1 . The Director of Transit Services outlined the 2010 transit options and the 2011 proposed budget options funded by the Provincial Gas Tax. He stated the Ridership Growth Envelope is currently at \$1.3 million. He pointed out that new transit initiatives are funded from the Provincial Gas Tax. Should initiatives be sustainable they can be moved to the levy. He advised that the extended Sunday Service is considered sustainable and can be phased into the levy in June 2011 over the next two years being 2011 and 2012. All other options that are currently funded through the Ridership Growth Envelope will continue, with the exception of two trips which have proven to be unproductive.

He advised they are proposing the following 2011 Options to be added to the Ridership Growth Envelope and funded through the Provincial Gas Tax:

- Addition of a Valley route to close the gap between 11:30 am and 2:30 pm;
- Addition of an Azilda/Chelmsford tip on weekdays to close the gap between 10:00 am and 12:30 pm;
- Addition of an outbound Azilda/Chelmsford trip on Saturdays;
- An increase of Transcab frequency to Wahnapiatae and Skead;
- Addition of two trips to Lively on weekdays; and
- Addition of a Valley route 703 to close the gap between 9:30 pm and 11:30 pm.

He stated the increase of transcab frequency to Wahnapiatae and Skead could be added as unfunded and the cost absorbed by the current transcab budget unless transcab ridership has a substantial increase.

With the addition of the Automatic Vehicle Locator system, it is now easier to determine where changes can be made to the system. The system provides an accurate ridership count by stop, which in turn will allow staff to determine changes that need to be made to the routes.

The General Manager of Growth and Development advised their goal is to make transit sustainable from the capital side, long term and are recommending the transition start by moving a route that is sustainable to the levy, therefore, freeing up gas tax dollars to try several other enhancements that

appear to have promise with minimum impact on revenue.

2011-04 Kilgour – Berthiaume: WHEREAS the following is in line with the Financial Plan for the Transit Capital Program and New Transit Garage;

WHEREAS the Provincial Gas Tax funding allows Council to test ridership enhancement options;

WHEREAS we are moving to make Transit more sustainable into the future;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the successful extended Sunday hours service be moved to the levy over a two year period and Options 1 to 6 be funded through the Provincial Gas Tax for 2011-2012

**CARRIED**

The Committee agreed that Councillor Cimino would email Members of Council this weekend regarding the Committee's decision on the transit budget options.

**ADJOURNMENT**

2011-05 Berthiaume - Kilgour : That we do now adjourn.  
Time: 4:50 p.m.

**CARRIED**

ANGIE HACHÉ, CITY CLERK

COUNCILLOR BARBEAU, CHAIR