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## Request for Decision

### Stroller Policy

#### Recommendation

That the City of Greater Sudbury authorize the implementation of the Transit Stroller Policy outlined in the report dated September 5, 2013 from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services for a one year period during which time the working group would reconvene to make adjustment should any issues arise.

#### Background

In April 2012, the SMAP group presented a proposed stroller policy to allow children to remain in strollers while travelling on Transit buses.

Following this presentation, Operations Committee requested that transit staff provide information on stroller policies based on research from other transit properties and bring the findings back to the Committee.

By July 2013, having completed extensive research, it became apparent to staff that throughout the Canada and the United States, there was no conclusive evidence to show that a child was safer in or out of the stroller while travelling on buses.

Having presented this information to Operations Committee, it was decided that a group comprised of all areas impacted by this policy would get together and discuss this matter further and provide recommendations for consideration.

The group included one member of the Sustainable Mobility Advisory Panel, two Councilors, two staff from Leisure Services, two Transit Bus Operators and the Manager of Transit Operations. Subsequent to meeting, the consensus is the enclosed amended stroller policy, to be implemented on a one year trial period.

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## **Proposed Stroller Policy for Greater Sudbury Transit**

Open strollers measuring no more than 24 inches wide by 48 inches long (61 cm wide by 122 cm long) be permitted to use the priority seating area with priority given as follows:

1. People using wheelchairs or scooters
2. Persons with disabilities
3. Children in strollers

### **Responsibility of the caregiver:**

- The caregiver should lift up the priority seats and place the open stroller in the space made available to allow other passengers to safely navigate the aisle.
- The baby/child should face the rear of the bus
- The baby/child must be buckled-up in the stroller
- The brakes of the stroller must be applied
- The caregiver must hold the stroller securely while the bus is in motion

**Passengers traveling with a stroller must be able to board and disembark without assistance from the bus operator.**

Should anyone noted in priority groups (1) or (2) require the priority seating area, the caregiver must move to the regular seating on the bus and fold the stroller. In the event that there are 2 strollers occupying the priority seating areas, the last one to board would need to move to the regular seating.

It is the responsibility of the caregiver to ensure that their stroller does not interfere with the safety or comfort of other passengers. The caregiver must always be in care and control of their stroller. If a stroller is too large to fit safely out of the aisle, or if a passenger has too many items hanging from the stroller, they will not be permitted to keep the stroller open. The caregiver assumes full responsibility for the safety of the child/children who are left in the stroller.

### **Stroller restrictions**

Single strollers and double length strollers are allowed to remain open in the priority seating area on the bus providing they are within the size restrictions. Strollers must be able to fit through the front doors and down the aisle in order to board the bus.

Oversize strollers, which include double width strollers, will only be allowed on the buses if folded.