

Request for Decision

Transit Bus Service Changes

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Recommendation

For Direction

Finance Implications

If the Transit Committee adopts the proposals, a budget option will be prepared for Finance Committee's consideration for the 2012 budget deliberations.

Background

The Transit Committee has been asked to consider the following Transit service changes:

1. Lively residents have been requesting bus service to Naughton instead of TransCab service. A public input session was held in June of 2011 as well as a ridership study. The outcome was to extend the bus route to Naughton and remove it from the Dog Patch area. This change would have favorable impact on the budget since it would substantially decrease the length of the transcab trips as well as the number of requests.

These proposed changes are supported by staff.

2. Transcab service for the Levack and Dowling area has been through many changes recently. Users in this area brought their requests forward during a public input session held in June of 2011. A popular option is to have a fixed route with bus stops to service between Levack and Chelmsford. This would eliminate the 90 minute booking window as well as the long ride times. This service would be provided by the current transcab service provider for a trial period and would fit within the current transcab budget.

Staff supports this proposed change.

3. St. Gabrielle's Villa's staff and residents have been requesting bus service to their establishment since its opening. The current walk to the closest bus route is over one kilometre and this is not possible for many of the residents or visitors. Fifteen minutes could be added to the existing route which would allow it to service the Villa in both directions giving the residents the option to go to Chelmsford or towards downtown Sudbury. The cost for this service increase would be approximately \$93,000.00 per year.

If this change is accepted, the funding could come from the ridership growth initiative which was to fund the added

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service to Lively for a period of one year.

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