

**2024 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets – Transit Commission**

**Budgets préliminaires de fonctionnement et d'immobilisations de 2024 –  
Commission du transport en commun**

**COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council, sitting as Committee of the Whole, approve the Transit Commission 2024 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets as follows:

1. Transit Services as follows:
  - a. User fees (pages 7-8);
  - b. Operating Resource Requirement (page 6);
2. Transit Commission Capital Budget (page 9, individual projects listed on pages 16-36);
3. That Council consider Motion No. TTC 2023-09-02.

**RECOMMANDATIONS DE LA COMMISSION**

Que le Conseil, siégeant à titre de comité plénier, approuve les budgets préliminaires de fonctionnement et des immobilisations de 2024 de la Commission du transport en commun comme suit :

1. Services de transport en commun :
  - a. Frais d'utilisation (pages 7 à 8);
  - b. Besoins en ressources de fonctionnement (révisé, page 6);
2. Budget des immobilisations de la Commission du transport en commun (page 9, projets individuels énumérés aux pages 16 à 36);
3. Que le Conseil examine la Motion n° CTC 2023-09-02.

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL**

The following motion was REFERRED to Council for consideration without recommendation:

**Motion No. TTC 2023-09-02**

Moved by: S. Menard

**WHEREAS a fare freeze would generate approximately 300,000 resident trips on average in 2024 and create new long-term ridership; and,**

**WHEREAS creating long term ridership has positive impacts for the service and will reduce traffic congestion, saving the city operational funds; and,**

**WHEREAS OC Transpo ridership levels have been stagnant or in decline for several years outside of COVID-19 lockdowns; and,**

**WHEREAS OC Transpo is proposing a reduction in bus service hours; and,**

**WHEREAS LRT continues to operate at a reduced capacity; and,**

**WHEREAS Ottawa transit riders should not continue to face fare hikes in the context of reduced and inadequate transit service; and,**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Transit Commission recommends Council freeze transit fares in the 2024 budget through a 1% increase to the transit levy.**

**POUR L'INFORMATION DU CONSEIL MUNICIPAL**

La motion suivante a été ADRESSÉE au Conseil municipal pour étude sans recommandation :

**Motion n° CTC 2023-09-02**

Proposée par S. Menard

**ATTENDU QU'un gel des tarifs entraînerait une moyenne d'environ 300 000 déplacements de résidentes et résidents en 2024 et un nouvel achalandage à long terme; et**

**ATTENDU QUE ce nouvel achalandage aurait des retombées positives sur le service et réduirait la congestion routière, ce qui permettrait à la Ville d'économiser sur les coûts opérationnels; et**

**ATTENDU QUE** le nombre d'usagères et usagers d'OC Transpo stagne ou décline depuis plusieurs années, même en excluant les confinements attribuables à la COVID-19; et

**ATTENDU QU'OC Transpo propose de réduire les heures de service des autobus;**  
et

**ATTENDU QUE** le train léger continue de fonctionner à capacité réduite; et

**ATTENDU QUE** les usagères et usagers du transport en commun d'Ottawa ne devraient plus faire face à des hausses de tarifs si le service est réduit et insuffisant;

**PAR CONSÉQUENT, IL EST RÉSOLU QUE** la Commission du transport en commun recommande au Conseil de geler les tarifs de transport en commun dans le budget de 2024 en augmentant de 1 % l'impôt pour le transport en commun.

#### Documentation/Documentation

1. 2024 Draft Budget – Transit Commission (condensed and full, as tabled)  
Budgets préliminaires de 2024 de la Commission du transport en commun (abrégé, tel que déposé) (ACS2023-FCS-FSP-0016)
2. 2024 Draft Budget – Transit Commission (condensed and full, revised on November 23, 2023)  
Budgets préliminaires de 2024 de la Commission du transport en commun (abrégé et révisé le 23 novembre 2023) (ACS2023-FCS-FSP-0016)
3. Extract of draft Minutes, Transit Commission, 14 November 2023  
Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal, Commission du transport en commun, le 14 novembre 2023

**EXTRACT OF DRAFT MINUTES 9  
TRANSIT COMMISSION  
NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

**EXTRAIT DE L'ÉBAUCHE DU  
PROCÈS-VERBAL 9  
COMMISSION DU TRANSPORT EN  
COMMUN  
LE 14 NOVEMBRE 2023**

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2024 Draft Operating and Capital Budget – Transit Commission

File No. ACS2023-FCS-FSP-0016 – City-wide

The draft budget was tabled at the Council meeting of November 8, 2023. The Transit Commission's report on the draft budget will be considered by Council at its meeting of December 6, 2023.

At the outset of the meeting, Commission carried Motion No. TTC 2023-09-01 (below) to add the budget documents to the agenda.

Renée Amilcar, General Manager, Transit Services Department (TSD), and Pat Scrimgeour, Director, Transit Customer Systems and Planning, presented an overview of the draft 2024 budget and answered questions from the Commission. A copy of the slide presentation is filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

The following staff also answered questions from Commission:

- Finance and Corporate Services Department (FCSD): Cyril Rogers, General Manager, FCSD and Chief Financial Officer, and Isabelle Jasmin, Deputy City Treasurer, Corporate Finance
- Office of the City Clerk: Caitlin Salter MacDonald, Manager, Council and Committee Services

Commissioners received a letter dated November 8 from Robert Brinker (Federation of Citizens Associations), and a copy is filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

Commissioners received the following submissions which related to both item 6.1 (OC Transpo Bus Route Review) and item 7.1 (2024 Draft Operating and Capital Budget – Transit Commission). A copy of each is filed with the Office of the City Clerk:

- Marilyn O'Keeffe email dated November 13
- Kate Abbott email dated November 13
- Naomi Hart email dated November 13

The following members of the public spoke before the Commission on this item:

- Rory Lewis (Ottawa Transit Riders)
- Alex Cullen (Federation of Citizens Associations)
- Alayne McGregor
- Patrick Shepherd
- Mike Wright

After discussion, Commission considered Motions No. TTC 2023-09-02 to -04, as follows:

### **Recommendation**

**That the Transit Commission consider the relevant portions of the 2024 Operating and Capital Budgets and make recommendations to Council sitting in Committee of the Whole to be held December 6, 2023.**

### **Motion No. TTC 2023-09-01**

Moved by R. Brockington

**WHEREAS the 2024 Draft Operating and Capital Budget documents for the Transit Commission were circulated and published after being tabled at Council on November 8, 2023, which was after the Transit Commission agenda publication date;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to Subsection 89(3) of the Procedure By-law, the Transit Commission add the budget documents to the Agenda.**

**Carried**

### **Motion No. TTC 2023-09-02**

Moved by: S. Menard

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**Amendment:**

**Motion No. TTC 2023-09-03**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Menard motion be referred to the City Council meeting of December 6, 2023.**

**Carried**

Councillor Leiper dissenting.

**Motion No. TTC 2023-09-04**

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For (7): G. Gower, C. Curry, R. Brockington, M. Carr, D. Hill, W. Lo, and T. Tierney

Against (2): J. Leiper, and S. Menard

**Carried (7 to 2)**