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2. OC TRANSPO EQUIFARE
ÉQUITARIF D'OC TRANSPO

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

That Council direct staff to develop an equitable single fare option for all OC Transpo services, based on the principles established for the Equipass and in compliance with existing commitments and policies regarding fare ratios, the Long Range Financial Plan and the Transit Affordability Plan for consideration as part of the 2018 budget process.

RECOMMANDATION DE LA COMMISSION

Que le Conseil demande au personnel de créer un tarif de « passage unique » équitable pour tous les services d'OC Transpo, d'après les principes établis pour l'Equipass et dans le respect des politiques et promesses actuelles au sujet des coefficients de tarifs, du plan financier à long terme et du Plan d'abordabilité du transport en commun, tarif de passage unique qui sera examiné dans le cadre du processus budgétaire 2018.

DOCUMENTATION / DOCUMENTATION

1. Coordinator's report, Transit Commission, dated 6 June 2017 (ACS2017-CCS-TRA-0002).

Rapport du Coordonnateur, Commission du transport en commun, daté le 6 juin 2017 (ACS2016-CCS-TRA-0002).

2. Extract of Draft Transit Commission Minute, 31 May 2017.

Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal de la Commission du transport en commun, le 31 mai 2017.

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**Report to
Rapport au:**

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SUBJECT: OC TRANSPO EQUIFARE

OBJET: ÉQUITARIF D'OC TRANSPO

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

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RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que le Conseil demande au personnel de créer un tarif de « passage unique » équitable pour tous les services d'OC Transpo, d'après les principes établis pour l'EquiPass et dans le respect des politiques et promesses actuelles au sujet des coefficients de tarifs, du plan financier à long terme et du Plan d'abordabilité du transport en commun, tarif de passage unique qui sera examiné dans le cadre du processus budgétaire 2018.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Section 89 (3) of the Procedure By-law, Councillor Blais requested that the following Motion be placed on the Transit Commission Agenda for the 31 May 2017 meeting:

WHEREAS OC Transpo has launched the monthly EquiPass - priced at \$57 per month - a 50 per cent discount from the regular adult monthly pass for residents whose household income falls below the low-income cut-off threshold, as set out annually by the Government of Canada;

WHEREAS the low-income cut-off indicates an income threshold below which an individual or family is likely to spend significantly more of its income on food, shelter and clothing;

WHEREAS OC Transpo's mandate is to deliver safe, reliable, and courteous service at a reasonable price;

WHEREAS the 2015-2018 term of council priorities (TM5) articulates a strategic objective to "ensure reliable, safe, accessible and affordable transit services"

WHEREAS Ottawa is and endeavours to remain a caring City which invests in its citizens while ensuring affordability for all residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Transit Commission recommend that Council direct staff to develop an equitable single fare option for all OC Transpo services, based on the principles established for the Equipass and in compliance with existing commitments and policies regarding fare ratios, the Long Range

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Financial Plan and the Transit Affordability Plan for consideration as part of the 2018 budget process.

DISCUSSION

On March 10, 2017, OC Transpo launched the EquiPass - priced at \$57 per month (a 50 per cent discount from the regular adult monthly pass). Since the EquiPass was launched in March, over 2,300 eligible residents have been approved and signed up for the EquiPass.

At the Transit Commission meeting of Wednesday, 31 May 2017, Chair Blais introduced the above Motion to call on the Transit Commission to work closely with OC Transpo to create an equitable single fare option as part of the 2018 budget for residents and families who meet the low income threshold, as defined by Statistics Canada.

RURAL IMPLICATIONS

Staff will be available to answer questions at the Council meeting, as required.

CONSULTATION

No public consultation was undertaken in the preparation of this report.

COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)

Not applicable, as this report is City-wide in nature.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE(S) COMMENTS

No Advisory Committees were consulted in the preparation of this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal impediments to approving the recommendation as outlined in this report.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Staff will be available to answer questions at the Council meeting, as required.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

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Staff will be available to answer questions at the Council meeting, as required.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications are unknown at this time and staff would bring forward for consideration as part of the 2018 budget process.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

Staff will be available to answer questions at the Council meeting, as required.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Staff will be available to answer questions at the Council meeting, as required.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS

Staff will be available to answer questions at the Council meeting, as required.

TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

2015-2018 Term of Council priorities (TM5) articulates a strategic objective to “ensure reliable, safe, accessible and affordable transit services”.

DISPOSITION

Following approval by Council, staff will undertake to carry out the recommendations in this report, as appropriate.