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TRANSIT COMMISSION - TERMS OF REFERENCE

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CITY WIDE

POINT OF PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Theresa Kavanagh declared a point of personal privilege, as the delegation representing the Federation of Citizens Associations is her spouse. She reported that she had communicated with the Integrity Commissioner on this matter, and she reported that no Conflict of Interest existed.

Commissioner Kavanagh then introduced the following Motion for the Commission's consideration:

MOTION N^o TTC 02/01

Moved by Commissioner T. Kavanagh:

WHEREAS during the recent municipal election many residents voiced concern over OC Transpo operations, in particular proposed changes to OC Transpo bus routes and schedules in anticipation of the opening of the Confederation LRT Line;

WHEREAS all of City Council is responsible for the operation of OC Transpo, its public transit provider, for which Ottawa residents contributed \$285 million in taxes in 2018;

WHEREAS providing regular reports on the operations of OC Transpo to the Commission provides the opportunity for public feedback on OC Transpo operations;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. OC Transpo be directed to provide for the Transit Commission's consideration and approval the Fall Transit Service Schedule, the Winter Transit Service Schedule and the Summer Transit Service Schedule, to be recommended for approval by City Council; and**
- B. OC Transpo provide a schedule of regular accountability / performance reports (eg. quarterly) to the Transit Commission on the operations of OC Transpo and Para Transpo.**

Chair Hubley asked for legal advice as to whether the Motion was in order. Mr. Tim Marc, Senior Legal Council, City Clerk and Solicitor Department, offered that the matter before the Commission for consideration was the Commission's Terms of Reference, which deal with its jurisdiction. He suggested that both of the above clauses did not speak to jurisdiction, but to actions to be taken by staff in providing for approval of Transit Service Schedules and in providing accountability performance reports to the Commission. He suggested that as such, they did not deal with the Commission's jurisdiction and would not be in order.

With regard to the matter of the first clause, Mr. Marc noted that this matter had been delegated to the General Manager, Transportation Services Department, by Council's approval of the Delegation of Authority By-Law through its approval of the Governance Report, in December, 2018. As such, this would be revisiting a matter decided by Council. With regard to the provision of regular accountability reports, Mr. Marc offered that while not in order at the present time, the matter could be reintroduced as a Notice of Motion or as a Commissioner's item for the Commission's consideration at a future date.

Commissioner Kavanagh said the matter would return as a Notice of Motion.

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The Commission then heard from Mr. Alex Cullen*, Vice-President, Federation of Citizens' Associations, who offered that the current governance structure under which the Commission reports to City Council on its budget, fare structure, and labour negotiation mandate, was not sufficient, and that City Councillors should also be accountable for OC Transpo's operations. *A copy of Mr. Cullen's submission (under signature of the FCA President, Ms Sheila Perry) is held on file with the City Clerk.

Mr. John Manconi, General Manager, Transportation Services Department, responded to Commissioners' questions regarding benchmarking initiatives and the rationale for having operational decisions delegated to the General Manager's Office.

Discussions having concluded, the report recommendation was put before the Commission and was "CARRIED" as presented.