

Motion – Free Transit for Displaced Ukrainians Coming to Ottawa

Motion – Transport en commun gratuit pour les Ukrainiens déplacés à Ottawa

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approve:

- 1. Offering a transit pass valid for six months of unlimited travel on OC Transpo for those displaced families and individuals coming to Ottawa from Ukraine, and that these passes be provided at no charge to the Community and Social Services Department and to the agencies providing refugee services, so that they may distribute them to those of their clients who are not receiving transportation funding from other levels of government; and**
- 2. That staff include a referral in the 2022-2026 Term of Council Governance Review that Council consider in the new Term of Council whether there should be a consistent, ongoing approach to support all refugees coming to Ottawa by providing no-charge transit service.**

RECOMMANDATIONS DE LA COMMISSION

Que le Conseil approuve :

- 1. L'offre de laissez-passer d'OC Transpo illimités valides pour six mois aux personnes et familles ukrainiennes déplacées à Ottawa, laissez-passer qui seront remis gratuitement à la Direction générale des services sociaux et communautaires et aux organismes offrant des services aux réfugiés pour qu'ils les offrent à ceux de leurs clients qui ne reçoivent pas d'aide pour le transport d'un autre ordre de gouvernement;**
- 2. Que le personnel ajoute un renvoi dans l'Examen de la structure de gestion publique du Conseil municipal 2022 2026 pour que le Conseil détermine, pour son prochain mandat, s'il y a lieu d'adopter une stratégie uniforme et**

continue visant à aider tous les réfugiés déplacés à Ottawa en leur offrant gratuitement des services de transport en commun.

Documentation/Documentation

1. Transit Commission Report, dated April 20, 2022
(ACS2022-OCC-GEN-0017)

Rapport de la Commission du transport en commun, daté le 20 avril 2022
(ACS2022-OCC-GEN-0017)

2. Extract of draft Minutes, Transit Commission, 20 April 2022

Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal, Commission du transport en commun, le 20 avril 2022

For the information of Council

The Commission gave the following DIRECTIONS TO STAFF:

That Transit Services staff provide additional information by memorandum to Transit Commission and Council, prior to this matter being considered by Council, including:

- The implications (including financial) of amending the motion to offer no-charge transit service to all refugees; and,
- Information on whether the refugees are entitled to support either from government, or the private organizations that have sponsored them;
- Information on the number of refugees the City of Ottawa welcomes annually.

Pour la gouvernance du conseil

La Commission donne les DIRECTIVES SUIVANTES AU PERSONNEL :

Que le personnel des Services de transport en commun fournisse une note d'information à la Commission du transport en commun et au Conseil avant que ce dernier étudie l'affaire. Ladite note d'information doit :

- exposer les implications (y compris financières) qu'entraînerait la modification de la motion proposant d'offrir le transport en commun gratuitement à tous les réfugiés;
- préciser si les réfugiés ont droit à une aide gouvernementale ou à celle des organismes privés qui les parrainent;
- indiquer le nombre de réfugiés que la ville d'Ottawa accueille chaque année.

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File Number: ACS2022-OCC-GEN-0017

Report to Council on 27 April 2022

Submitted on April 20, 2022 by the Transit Commission

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**Objet : Motion – Transport en commun gratuit pour les Ukrainiens déplacés
à Ottawa**

Dossier : ACS2022-OCC-GEN-0017

Rapport au Conseil le 27 avril 2022

Soumis le 20 avril 2022 par la Commission du transport en commun

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REPORT RECOMMENDATION

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2. That staff include a referral in the 2022-2026 Term of Council Governance Review that Council consider in the new Term of Council whether there should be a consistent, ongoing approach to support all refugees coming to Ottawa by providing no-charge transit service.

RECOMMANDATION DU RAPPORT

Que le Conseil approuve :

1. L'offre de laissez-passer d'OC Transpo illimités valides pour six mois aux personnes et familles ukrainiennes déplacées à Ottawa, laissez-passer qui seront remis gratuitement à la Direction générale des services sociaux et communautaires et aux organismes offrant des services aux réfugiés pour qu'ils les offrent à ceux de leurs clients qui ne reçoivent pas d'aide pour le transport d'un autre ordre de gouvernement;
2. Que le personnel ajoute un renvoi dans l'Examen de la structure de gestion publique du Conseil municipal 2022 2026 pour que le Conseil détermine, pour son prochain mandat, s'il y a lieu d'adopter une stratégie uniforme et continue visant à aider tous les réfugiés déplacés à Ottawa en leur offrant gratuitement des services de transport en commun.

BACKGROUND

On April 20, 2022, the following Motion (No. 2022 TTC 33-02) was moved by Councillor A. Hubley at Transit Commission:

WHEREAS on February 24, 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine triggering Europe's largest refugee crisis since World War II; and

WHEREAS a quarter of the Ukrainian population has been displaced with many people having fled to Ottawa; and

WHEREAS for these displaced families and individuals to be fully welcomed into the Ottawa community, they will need to go through a series of steps, including paperwork, assessments, job searches, language training, seeking medical

assistance, and finding housing, all of which would be made easier using the OC Transpo system; and

WHEREAS it is expected that these families and individuals will not receive any employment income or other support until the above steps are completed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Transit Commission recommend that Council approve offering a transit pass valid for six months of unlimited travel on OC Transpo for those displaced families and individuals coming to Ottawa from Ukraine, and that these passes be provided at no charge to the Community and Social Services Department and to the agencies providing refugee services, so that they may distribute them to those of their clients who are not receiving transportation funding from other levels of government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff include a referral in the 2022-2026 Term of Council Governance Review that Council consider in the new Term of Council whether there should be a consistent, ongoing approach to support all refugees coming to Ottawa by providing no-charge transit service.

DISCUSSION

Transit Commission carried the above motion with the following additional direction to staff:

That Transit Services staff provide additional information by memorandum to Transit Commission and Council, prior to this matter being considered by Council, including:

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The motion is now before Council for its consideration.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Finance Services is aware of the report and will be available to answer any questions at Council.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Legal Services is aware of the report and will be available to answer any questions at Council.

COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)

This report is City-wide in nature.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE(S) COMMENTS

This report was drafted to transmit the Motion approved at Commission to Council; no Advisory Committees were consulted in the preparation of this report.

CONSULTATION

This report was drafted to transmit the Motion approved at Commission to Council. The Transit Commission meeting on April 20, 2022 was open to the public. No delegations registered to speak for this item.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

This report was drafted to transmit the Motion approved at Commission to Council; no Accessibility Impacts have been identified. Staff will be available at Council if clarification is required.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

This report was drafted to transmit the Motion approved at Commission to Council; no Risk Management Implications were identified in the preparation of this report.

RURAL IMPLICATIONS

This report was drafted to transmit the Motion approved at Commission to Council; no Rural Implications were identified in the preparation of this report.

TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

This report was drafted to transmit the Motion approved at Commission to Council; no specific Term of Council Strategic Priorities have been identified. Staff will be available at the Council meeting to respond to questions, as necessary.

DISPOSITION

Staff will implement Council's decision(s), as directed.