

CITY OF HAMILTON

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**Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities:
May 13, 2025**

MOVED BY P. KILBURN

SECONDED BY.....

Feasibility of the Development of a New HSR Fare Program to Assist Disabled Riders

WHEREAS, at the March 18, 2025 meeting of the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities, Committee received Delegations from the Disability Justice Network of Ontario and the Accessibility Hamilton Alliance;

WHEREAS, the Delegates expressed concern about gaps in the eligibility of disabled community members for existing transit programs related to bus fares;

WHEREAS, the Disability Justice Network of Ontario and the Accessibility Hamilton Alliance authored a report entitled "Recommendation on Alternate Fare Program for Disabled Riders", attached as Appendix "A";

WHEREAS, the Transportation Working Group received a presentation from the Disability Justice Network of Ontario

and the Accessibility Hamilton Alliance respecting the report at the April 22, 2025 Working Group meeting;

WHEREAS, the Disability Justice Network of Ontario and the Accessibility Hamilton Alliance recommend the development of a new HSR reduced fare program to assist disabled riders, that would complement the existing Fare Assist program; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Working Group supports the recommendations by the Disability Justice Network of Ontario and Accessibility Hamilton Alliance respecting a complementary fare program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities requests that Council direct staff to investigate and report back to the Public Works Committee by Q4 2025 on the feasibility of the development of a new HSR fare program to assist disabled riders, that would complement the existing Fare Assist program, as recommended by the Disability Justice Network of Ontario and the Accessibility Hamilton Alliance; and
- (b) That the report back include consideration of the following recommendations from the Disability Justice Network of Ontario and the Accessibility Hamilton Alliance, respecting their proposed complementary reduced fare program:

- (i) Access for persons with disabilities who live at or below the current Low Income Measure;
- (ii) Determining the needs of persons with disabilities through broad consultation with persons with disabilities, including those living in residential institutions and secondary and post-secondary students, as well as organizations serving persons with disabilities, such as the Accessibility Committee for Persons with Disabilities; and
- (iii) Offering a pilot program with specific start and end dates, similar to the way in which the Fare Assist Program was introduced.