



Hamilton

Corporate Services

## Memorandum

**Date:** March 25, 2013

**To:** Mayor and Members  
General Issues Committee

**From:** Carolyn Biggs  
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**Subject:** **Recommendations from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities respecting Transit Fare Parity**

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Mayor and Members of Council:

At the February 13, 2013 meeting of Council, Item 10 of General Issues Committee Report 13-003 respecting recommendations from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities – Transit Fare Parity which reads as follows, were referred to the Public Works Committee:

**10. Report 13-001 of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities – January 8, 2013 (Item 8.2)**

**Transit Fare Parity Update**

- (a) That sub-sections (a) and (b) of Item 1 of Report 13-001 of the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, which read as follows, be referred to the Public Works Committee for consideration:
  - (a) That persons with all disabilities be treated in a fair and equitable manner when accessing public Transit to ensure that persons with disabilities are not charged differing rates for the same service;
  - (b) That in support of the implementation of an equitable fare structure, that a reduced fare structure or subsidy be provided for those who are both disabled and economically disadvantaged;
- (b) That the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario be respectfully requested to provide clarification on the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Integrated Accessibility Standards clause 66(5) respecting Fare Parity.

Subsequently, at the March 18, 2013 meeting of the Public Works Committee, the above-noted recommendations were placed on the agenda for the Committee's consideration.

The Public Works Committee received a number of public delegations who spoke to the issue of transit fare parity, and the following was the recommendation of the Committee:

That the staff presentation, Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Recommendations and deliberations on the issue of Fare Parity be referred to the April 3, 2013 General issues Committee meeting.

As a result, Item 7.2 is a staff presentation respecting Transit Fare Parity, and the above-noted recommendations of ACPD are before the General Issues Committee for disposition.

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