



Peterborough Transit Liaison Committee
AGENDA

Date: Thursday, January 29th, 2025

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: Training Room, Transit Offices, 130 Aylmer Street North

1. Call to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the treaty and traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabeg. We offer our gratitude to the First Peoples for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and our relations. May we honour those teachings.

3. Introduction of Committee Members
4. Confirmation of Minutes – November 27th, 2025
5. Presentations
 - a. PTLC26-001 Fare Increases
6. Discussion
7. Other Business
8. Next Meeting
9. Adjournment

Peterborough Transit Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 27th, 2025

Present: John Morris (CPD), Sandra Needham, Larry MacDonald, Phil Mechetuk, Julie Morris, Natalie Stephenson (Green-Up) Tracy Milne (Trent) Cory MacLeod (Transit Operator & ATU Union Representative), Joel Willett (Fleming), Lindsay Stroud (Transportation Demand Management Planner)

Virtual:

Staff Present: Barry Wakeford (Director, Transit Services),
Andrea Donnelly (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Robert J Dunford (Manager-Transportation Planning),
Ilmar Simanovskis (Commissioner of Municipal Operations),
Keith Riel (Councillor), Stephanie Bolton (Age-Friendly)

Call to Order

The meeting of the Transit Liaison Committee was called to order by the Chair at 2:01p.m.

Land Acknowledgement

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Larry MacDonald and seconded by John Morris

That the minutes of the meeting held on October 30th, 2025, be approved.

Carried.

Presentations

- a) Report PTLC25-007 – Transit Training Video
Moved by John Morris, second by Joel Willett

That the Peterborough Transit Liaison Committee approves the presentation outlined in reports PTLC25-007, PTLC dated November 27th, 2025, as follows:

That the report be received for information.

Carried

Other Business

- Discussed Action not taking place regarding motion made on October 30th, 2025, meeting how PTLC's role in representing community on Transit topics for council
- Suggest maybe having a school trustee as part of the committee
- Julie will email John Kennedy for permission to discuss purpose of PTLC
- Spoke on fare increase

Next Meeting

The next meeting of this Committee will be Thursday, January 29th, 2026, at 2:00 PM

Adjournment

Moved by Natalie Stephenson second John Morris

That this meeting adjourns at 2:54 pm.

Carried

Andrea Donnelly, Recording Secretary

Phil Mechetuk, Chair



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To: Select from list.

From: **Barry Wakeford, Director, Transit Services**

Meeting Date: **January 29, 2026**

Subject: **Transit Fare Increase, Report Number**
PTLC26-001

Purpose

This report is to inform the Peterborough Transit Liaison Committee of the 2026 bus fare increase.

Recommendation(s)

That this report be received for information.

Background

The Transit Department continues to advocate for service enhancements, which naturally bring associated budget pressures. Both the Transportation Master Plan and the Transit Route Review identify the need for improved service levels and increased route frequency. However, these plans do not address growing demands within Specialized Transit, which also requires additional resources and funding. Continued investment in staff and equipment is essential to support these objectives.

For the 2026 City budget, the initial projected tax increase was 7.43%. This would have represented the third consecutive year with increases near or above 7%, a level that City Council was not prepared to support. In response, Senior Leadership undertook a comprehensive review of operating costs and capital projects across all departments to identify areas of reduction. Regarding the Transit budget, in previous years, service

reduction options such as discontinuing Community Bus weekend service or cancelling statutory holiday service were explored but not implemented due to the significant impact on residents who rely on these services. No service reductions were considered or proposed as part of the 2026 budget review.

Following Council's direction to reduce the overall tax levy increase, it was determined that, in order to maintain current service levels and avoid service reductions, a transit fare increase would be required for the third consecutive year. Fare adjustments are not recommended lightly. Staff recognize the impact on riders and carefully consider affordability and accessibility when evaluating such measures. Given the choice between reducing service levels or increasing fares, a fare increase was assessed as the least disruptive option for transit users.

Compared to other cities transit fare prices, Peterborough's new single ride fee is the same as London, Kingston, Niagara regional, Guelph, Barrie and Sault St Marie. There are a few higher and some are lower; Cornwall and North Bay are at \$3.25, TTC is \$1.35, Belleview is \$4.00, Durham is \$3.73 for Presto and \$4.75 for cash fare, Ottawa is \$4.10, York Regional is \$4.50.

The new fare structure is attached as Appendix A.

Summary

Transit has increased single-ride fares by \$0.25 for 2026, with corresponding adjustments applied across the full bus pass structure.

Fare increases are only considered after all other options to reduce the annual budget have been explored. This year's adjustments were required to meet Council-directed budget targets while maintaining current service levels. These increases, similar to the past two years, were necessary to avoid reductions in transit service delivery.

The new \$3.50 single-ride fare remains comparable to rates in many other Canadian municipalities and lower than others. For example, Belleville's adult single ride is increasing to \$4.00, Ottawa's to \$4.10, and York Regional is currently at \$4.50.

Submitted by,

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Attachments:

Appendix A

Fare Type	Current Fare	New Fare Effective January 19, 2026
Single Ride – Adult	\$3.25	\$3.50
Two Ride – Adult	\$6.50	\$7
Day Pass (Covers two adults)	\$12	\$13
Ten Rides	\$30	\$32
30 Day Pass – Adult	\$77	\$83
30 Day Pass – Student	\$72	\$77
30 Day Pass – Senior	\$54	\$58
Annual Senior Pass	\$300	\$325
Semi Annual Senior pass	\$180	\$195
Transit Cab	\$4	\$4.25