



SUBJECT: SPLIT pass agreement update

TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Transit Department

Report Number: TR-08-17

Wards Affected: All

File Numbers: 770-11

Date to Committee: June 26, 2017

Date to Council: July 10, 2017

Recommendation:

Authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the Transportation Pass Funding Agreement between the City of Burlington and the Regional Municipality of Halton, subject to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor.

Purpose:

This report outlines the agreement between the Region of Halton and the City of Burlington related to the operation of the SPLIT transit subsidy program. The SPLIT program enables low income residents to access public transit and enhances the strategic direction:

A City that Moves

- Increased Transportation Flows and Connectivity

Background and Discussion:

The SPLIT program was approved as a pilot by Regional Council in 2011 and fully adopted as an ongoing program in 2012. The purpose of the SPLIT program was to work in conjunction with municipalities in the Region of Halton to subsidize transit passes for low income residents.

The program provides a subsidy of 50% of the cost of a monthly transit pass or a single strip of ten or twenty tickets for qualified residents. Applications for the SPLIT program

are made through the Region of Halton through the Employment and Social Services office.

Once applicants are approved for the SPLIT program, the sale of the monthly passes and tickets are made through transit agencies. Transit staff is responsible for verifying eligibility at the time of sale through an online portal.

All of the funding for the subsidy of the program comes from the Region of Halton. Burlington Transit receives 100% of the usual revenue for the tickets and passes.

Strategy/process

The SPLIT program has successfully operated for a number of years but no formal legal agreement was in place between the Region of Halton and the City of Burlington.

It is agreed that such an agreement outlining the roles and responsibilities of the program would be a good practice. The agreement proposed in Appendix 'A' outlines the Transportation Pass Funding Agreement.

No operational changes to the program are suggested through the proposed agreement. There should be no direct impact to clients or staff as a result of this report.

Options considered

Not applicable

Financial Matters:

Not applicable

Total Financial Impact

Not applicable

Source of Funding

Not applicable

Other Resource Impacts

Not applicable

Connections:

This agreement was developed in consultation with the Region of Halton.

Public Engagement Matters:

Not applicable

Conclusion:

After many years of successful operation, a formal agreement has been developed for the operation of the SPLIT program between the City of Burlington and the Region of Halton.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendices:

A. Transportation Pass Funding Agreement

Report Approval:

All reports are reviewed and/or approved by Department Director, Director of Finance and Director of Legal. Final approval is by the City Manager.