

Delegation to C.O.W.-Budget on Seniors Transit Feb 28 2019

I delegate to the Committee of The Whole and ask staff to clarify certain figures for The Committee.

On page 62 of the 2019 COW Budget Agenda there are two figures given for different Free Seniors Transit proposals.

The first figure suggests the cost for Free Seniors Transit All Day Monday will be \$80,000.00

The second figure suggests the cost of Free Seniors Transit 10.00 to 3.00 Mon to Fri will be \$240,000.00

These numbers do not seem compatible and I respectfully draw your attention to some discrepancies.

One free day on Monday (a loss of 19 hours of revenue) represents a revenue loss of 1/7 of seniors' ticket revenue. That suggests that Total Seniors Revenue is  $7 \times 80,000.00$  or \$560,000.00.

So the revenue drop is 14.24%

5 days of Free Transit for 5 hours a day equals 25 hours per week of revenue loss yet the estimated loss of \$240,000.00 represents a revenue drop of 42.86%.

Can staff explain why a 19 hour loss is 14.24% while a 25 hour loss is 42.86%?

The attached PDF file "Seniors Transit Use 2106 (2015 numbers) provided by Burlington Transit states that total seniors fare revenue from all sources was \$339,436.25.

Has senior's transit revenue increased from \$339,436 to \$560,000 over a 3 year period?

I respectfully ask that these discrepancies be clarified?

Thank You,

Jim Young,  
Resident