



SUBJECT: Amending agreement – Metrolinx Co-Fare Agreement

TO: Community Planning, Regulation & Mobility Cttee.

FROM: Transit Department

Report Number: TR-01-22

Wards Affected: All

File Numbers: 195-02, 770-11-3

Date to Committee: January 11, 2022

Date to Council: January 18, 2022

Recommendation:

Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the amending agreement for the Fare Integration Agreement between the Toronto Area Transit Operating Authority (now Metrolinx) and the Corporation of the City of Burlington related to integrated transit fares, subject to final review by the Legal Services Department.

PURPOSE:

Vision to Focus Alignment:

- Improve integrated city mobility
- Support sustainable infrastructure and a resilient environment
- Deliver customer centric services with a focus on efficiency and technology transformation

Background and Discussion:

The existing Fare Integration Agreement with Metrolinx is dated May 1, 1996. The Amending Agreement recommends changes to the existing Fare Integration Agreement as follows:

Unless otherwise provided herein, GO Transit shall pay to the Municipality an amount per passenger equivalent to 100% of the Regular Adult Fare.

Strategy/process

Through this change in the Agreement, Metrolinx will pay 100% of the local transit fare for passengers traveling to or from a GO train trip.

Financial Matters:

Total Financial Impact

Metrolinx will reimburse 100% of the local transit fare rather than the current 75%. This will be done through the PRESTO fare card system. Based on 2021 Presto GO Transfer Revenues in SAP, the average revenues for 2021 at 75% would be approximately \$134,500. With revenue recovery increasing to 100% this amount would increase to approximately \$179,500 for a difference of \$45,000. There is no impact to total transit revenues as the passengers were paying 25% of the fare under the previous agreement.

Source of Funding

Not applicable.

Other Resource Impacts

Not applicable.

Climate Implications

Not Applicable.

Engagement Matters:

Metrolinx and the local transit systems will communicate this change to encourage transit ridership.

Conclusion:

Due to the consistent nature of fare integration between the City and Metrolinx, the agreement with Metrolinx will continue until terminated by either party (upon 90 days written notice to the other party). Staff recommend that the Mayor and City Clerk sign the Amended Agreement to continue the successful relationship with Metrolinx.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendices:

- A. Amending Agreement to the Toronto Area Transit Operating Authority (Metrolinx) Fare Integration Agreement.

Report Approval:

All reports are reviewed and/or approved by Department Director, the Chief Financial Officer and the Executive Director of Legal Services & Corporation Counsel.