

REPORT NO. 373 of the
ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC SAFETY
STANDING COMMITTEE
of its meeting held March 23, 2016

Present: Councillor Chris Holt
Councillor Fred Francis
Councillor Bill Marra (Chair)
Councillor Hilary Payne
Councillor Paul Borrelli

That the following recommendations of the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee **BE APPROVED**:

Moved by Councillor Francis, seconded by Councillor Borrelli,


That the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee and the Transit Windsor Board of Directors **APPROVE** the decommissioning of the following conventional buses: numbers 529, 530, 532, 535, 548, 554, 568 and 569.


Carried.

Councillor Marra was absent when the vote was taken on this matter.

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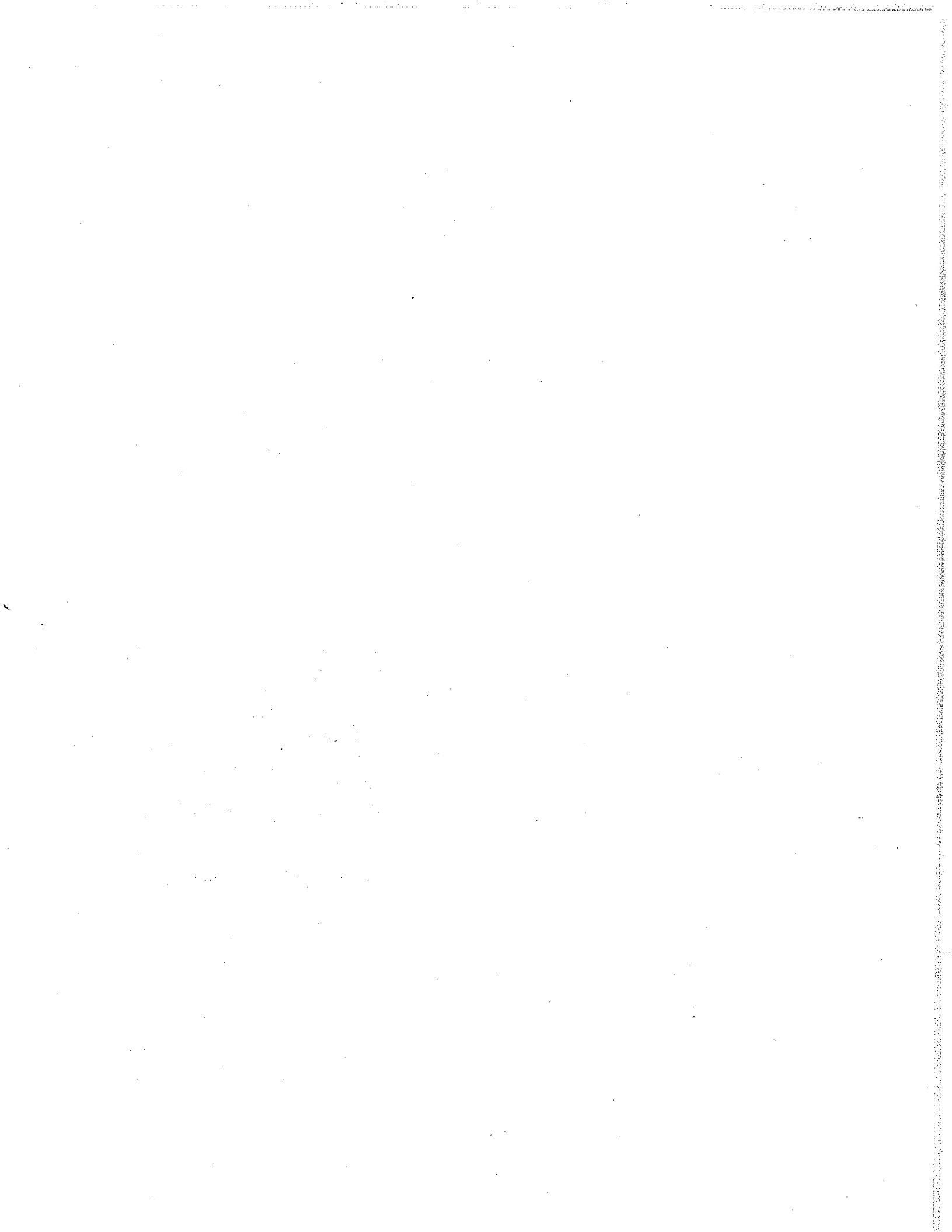
Clerk's Note: The report of the Senior Manager, Fleet & Support Services, Transit Windsor dated March 1, 2016 entitled "2016 ~~Decommissioning~~ of Transit Windsor Buses" is **attached** as background information.



CHAIRPERSON


SUPERVISOR OF COUNCIL SERVICES

NOTIFICATION:	
NAME	CONTACT INFORMATION





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MISSION STATEMENT

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REPORT #: S 56/2016	Report Date: 3/1/2016
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To: Mayor and Members of City Council

Subject: 2016 Decommissioning of Transit Windsor Buses - City Wide

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee and the Transit Windsor Board of Directors **APPROVE** the decommissioning of the following conventional buses: numbers 529, 530, 532, 535, 548, 554, 568 and 569.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

N/A

BACKGROUND:

It is the policy of the Transit Windsor Board of Directors to approve the disposal of any asset with an original cost in excess of \$25,000.

At its meeting held on June 17, 2015 the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee approved resolution M260-2015 authorizing the "Transit Windsor 2015 Bus Acquisition" As a result, Transit Windsor purchased and received eight new diesel Nova buses.

DISCUSSION:

With the acquisition of eight new diesel buses, Transit Windsor's current fleet composition is as follows:

Bus Size	Propulsion System	Low Floor/High Floor	# of Units
30 foot	Diesel	Low Floor	2
40 foot	Hybrid	Low Floor	29
40 foot	Diesel	High Floor	2
40 foot	Diesel	Low Floor	79
Total			112

The new Nova buses are being prepared for revenue service. These new buses will have unit numbers 570 to 577.

Several transit buses have outlived their useful life and have limited resale value. The following units are scheduled to be decommissioned:

Unit #	Year	Make	Model	YTD Chassis Kms
529	1989	MCI	CLASSICS	1,270,484
530	1989	MCI	CLASSICS	1,287,535
532	1989	MCI	CLASSICS	1,245,999
535	1990	MCI	CLASSICS	1,241,941
548	1991	MCI	CLASSICS	1,056,595
554	1991	MCI	CLASSICS	1,195,764
568	1986	GMC	CLASSICS	902,204
569	1986	GMC	CLASSICS	917,127

Since the units that are being retired are high floor buses, this improves Transit Windsor's accessibility ratio from 91% to 98%. The retirement of 8 buses means 110 out of 112 buses are now low-floor buses that have ramps that can be lowered to make it easier for customers with mobility issues to board the bus. The fully accessible fleet means that passengers in wheelchairs, as well as elderly transit riders and parents with strollers etc. will easily be able to board a bus without relying on assistance from the driver or struggling up stairs.

Given the age of the buses being retired, there is a limited market for resale. After discussions with the City of Windsor's Purchasing Division, Transit Windsor plans on placing the retired buses on an auction website for resale. If Transit Windsor is unsuccessful in selling the retired buses, the buses will be sent to a scrap yard for disposal. Prior to doing so, maintenance employees will salvage any parts from these buses that are in good working condition for use on the two remaining high floor buses. Once the salvageable parts have been removed, the buses will be sold for scrap metal.

RISK ANALYSIS:

All associated risks with the decommissioning of buses have been evaluated. A moderate environmental risk exists with respect to the improper disposal of any fluids and batteries. Transit Windsor staff will ensure that any such disposal is properly completed prior to the sale of the buses. All other risks, which include selling buses with City of Windsor logos have been reviewed and will be addressed prior to the sale.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Discussed throughout the report.

CONSULTATIONS:

Sue Grimmert, Financial Planning Analyst

CONCLUSION:

Having a newer fleet is one way to attract new riders to using public transit. With the introduction of eight new low floor Nova buses, Transit Windsor has improved its accessibility ratio from 91% to 98%. This will leave two remaining high floor buses to be retired at a future date.

APPROVALS:

Name	Title
Tony Houad	Senior Manager Fleet & Support Services
Patrick Delmore	Executive Director

Name	Title
Carolyn Brown	Corporate Leader–Transportation Services
Onorio Colucci	Chief Financial Officer – City Treasurer
Helga Reidel	Chief Administrative Officer

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APPENDICES: