

Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2020

Time: 1:00 o'clock p.m.

Location: Council Chambers, 1st Floor, Windsor City Hall

Clerk's Note: All members will be participating electronically and will be counted towards quorum in accordance with Procedure By-law 98-2011 as amended which allows for electronic meeting during a declared emergency. The minutes will reflect this accordingly.

Ward 1 – Councillor Fred Francis

Ward 2 – Councillor Fabio Costante

Ward 4 – Councillor Chris Holt (Chairperson)

Ward 8 – Councillor Gary Kaschak

Ward 9 – Councillor Kieran McKenzie

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item #	Item Description
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| 1. | CALL TO ORDER |
| 2. | DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF |
| 3. | ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ETPS STANDING COMMITTEE |
| 4. | REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS |
| 5. | COMMUNICATIONS |
| 6. | PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS |
| 7. | COMMITTEE MATTERS |
| 8. | ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS |
| 9. | TRANSIT BOARD ITEMS |
| 9.1. | 2020 Decommissioning of Transit Windsor Buses - City Wide (S 70/2020) |
| 10. | ADOPTION OF TRANSIT BOARD MINUTES |
| 11. | QUESTION PERIOD |
| 12. | ADJOURNMENT |



Subject: 2020 Decommissioning of Transit Windsor Buses - City Wide

Reference:

Date to Council: May 20, 2020
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Report Date: May 4, 2020
Clerk's File #: MT/13708

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

Recommendation:

That the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee, sitting as the Transit Windsor Board of Directors, and City Council **APPROVE** the decommissioning of conventional transit bus numbers 556, 560, 561, 563, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 681, 682, 683 and 684.

Executive Summary:

N/A.

Background:

In late 2016, the Federal Government announced funding of \$11.9 billion in transit infrastructure. This included funding under the federal program titled Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF) to upgrade and improve public transit systems. The City of Windsor received just over \$10M in funding from this grant. As part of this funding package, Transit Windsor requested and received approval from City Council for matching dollars for the acquisition of 24 transit buses. On March 27, 2017 Windsor City Council approved resolution CR164/2017 authorizing the issuance of a purchase order to procure 24 new buses from Nova Bus. Transit Windsor purchases conventional buses through a consortium called Metrolinx which brings together transit agencies across Ontario to develop common bus specifications in efforts of achieving competitive pricing through economies of scale

In April 2019, both the Federal and Provincial government released new Public Transit grant funding under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP). This program runs from April 2, 2019 to March 31 2027.

Discussion:

On March 5, 2020, federal approval was received under the Public Transit stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) for Transit Windsor's project submission ICIP-WIN-06 which was for the replacement of existing rolling stock vehicles (16 buses) and the purchase of new vehicles (3 buses) for expansion in the system. Transit Windsor has an order placed with Nova Bus for the acquisition of 16 replacement buses and 3 expansion conventional 40 foot buses which are expected to arrive during the month of May 2020. As a result, the following buses that are being decommissioned have outlived their useful life and have limited resale value. The majority of these units that are being retired have in excess of 1 million chassis kilometers and includes the following units: 556, 560, 561, 563, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 681, 682, 683 and 684.

Once the new buses arrive on property, they will be prepared for revenue service. These units support Transit's commitment to public accessibility with 100% of Transit's fleet being accessible. This means that all of Transit's fleet are low-floor buses, which provide ramps that can be lowered to make it easier for riders with mobility issues to board the bus. The average age of our fleet will improve from 9.93 years to 7.34 years.

Given the age of the buses that are being retired, there is a limited market for resale. In discussions with the City of Windsor's Purchasing area, 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 the scrap yard for disposal. Maintenance employees will remove parts from these buses in an effort to salvage items that are in good working condition. 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 risk involves the environmental concern of any fluids and batteries improperly disposed of. Transit Windsor staff will ensure all environmental aspects of the disposal are done on property prior to the sale of the buses. All other risks, which include selling buses with City of Windsor logos and liability risks with low impact have been reviewed and will be addressed prior to the sale.

Financial Matters:

N/A.

Consultations:

N/A.

Conclusion:

Having a newer fleet is one way to attract new riders to using transit. With the introduction of 19 new low floor Nova buses, Transit Windsor has an average fleet age of 7.34 years and remains 100% fully accessible.

Planning Act Matters:

N/A.

Approvals:

Name	Title
Tony Houad	Senior Manager, Fleet & Support Services, Transit Windsor
Patrick Delmore	Executive Director, Transit Windsor
Mark Winterton	City Engineer and Corporate Leader, Environmental Protection & Infrastructure Services
Joseph Mancina	Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer and Corporate Leader, Finance and Technology
Onorio Colucci	Chief Administrative Officer

Notifications:

Name	Address	Email

Appendices: