

Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Sitting as
the Transit Windsor Board of Directors

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Time: Immediately following the 4:30 o'clock p.m.

Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Meeting

Location: Room 140, 1st Floor, Windsor City Hall

Members Present:

Councillors

Ward 2 – Councillor Frazier Fathers

Ward 3 - Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Ward 4 - Councillor Mark McKenzie

Ward 8 - Councillor Gary Kaschak

Ward 9 - Councillor Kieran McKenzie (Chairperson)

**ALSO PARTICIPATING IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ARE THE FOLLOWING FROM
ADMINISTRATION:**

James Chacko, Acting Executive Director, Transit Windsor

Rachel Chesterfield, Manager, Performance Measurement & Business Case Development

Sandra Gebauer, Council Assistant

Anna Ciacelli, Deputy City Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson calls the meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Sitting as the Transit Windsor Board of Directors to order at 5:39 o'clock p.m.

**2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE
THEREOF**

None disclosed.

**3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ETPS STANDING COMMITTEE
SITTING AS THE TRANSIT WINDSOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**3.1. Adoption of the Environment, Transportation, and Public Safety
Standing Committee sitting as the Transit Windsor Board of Directors
minutes of its meeting held May 27, 2026**

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Moved by: Councillor Frazier Fathers
Seconded by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

THAT the minutes of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Sitting as the Transit Windsor Board of Directors meeting held May 27, 2026 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

Councillor Mark McKenzie was absent from the meeting when the vote was taken on this matter.

Report Number: SCM 181/2026

4. REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS

None requested.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None presented.

6. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

None presented.

9. TRANSIT BOARD ITEMS

None presented.

11. NEW BUSINESS

James Chacko, Executive Director, Transit Windsor appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Sitting as the Transit Windsor Board of Directors and provides a brief overview of the Transit Windsor operations to date for this year including the following: The long-term president of local ATU 616 and employee of Transit Windsor is retiring at the end of the month; there will be an increase of ATU members in the coming weeks as the CanAm Conference will be held at Caesars Windsor; fireworks night June 22, 2026 yielded 6103 shuttle riders from Devonshire Mall and an additional 7475 riders used the free city service after 6:00 pm throughout the rest of the city; the Stuff a Bus campaign is wrapping up on June 27th, it has been a very successful campaign to date approaching 2000 lbs and \$2000 collected; the partnership between the City of Windsor, Transit Windsor and Zehrs, the sponsor of the fireworks shuttle service, has been a very good initiative; the west end terminal construction is complete, and the terminal will be operating at its full capacity, effective this Sunday, June 28th; the east end terminal is nearing completion and will be opening later this summer, which will move service from Tecumseh Mall to the new terminal at Lauzon Pkwy and Tecumseh Rd E; the UMO fare management system implementation is ongoing without an official go live date with final system testing, and driver

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education are underway so that they are fully aware of the system when they interact with riders; Q1 ridership information was discussed at the last meeting, noting that there were decreases in student ridership due to the decrease in international students; there was an oddity noted in youth, adult and senior ridership decreases as well, which may be the result of unfavorable weather in January and February as part of the semi-annual ridership report later this summer, the raw data for Q2 is showing a positive trend in all three categories.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires whether there is a route planned for the area around McDougall St and Eugenie to service Catholic Central High School. Mr. Chacko responds that a new route structure servicing the new Catholic Central location would be considered at the time of the upcoming master plan updates.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino asks Administration if the train tracks on McDougall would impact a bus route. Mr. Chacko responds that the train tracks are a concern and why there is not currently bus service on McDougall. There is availability on Ouellette and Howard to bypass the train tracks. That could cause some back log in bus service, but there is potential for an alternative route from the south on Eugenie.

Councillor Frazier Fathers asks Administration about the level of sponsorship from Zehrs. Mr. Chacko provides the information, and adds that it covers all costs for the night. A closer look at the ridership data for that night can be brought forward at a future meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Sitting as the Transit Windsor Board of Directors is adjourned at 5:51 o'clock p.m. The next meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee will be held July 29, 2026.

Carried.

Ward 9 – Councillor Kieran McKenzie
(Chairperson)

Deputy City Clerk / Supervisor of Council
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