

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

Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2026

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

Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Meeting

Location: Room 139, 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:**

Jelena Payne, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Commissioner of Economic Development

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 4:45 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**

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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 June 24, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

THAT the minutes of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Sitting as the Transit Windsor Board of Directors meeting held June 24, 2026 **BE ADOPTED** as presented. Carried.

Councillor Gary Kaschak was absent from the meeting when the vote was taken on this matter.

Report Number: SCM 220/2026

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

Councillor Kieran McKenzie asks Mr. Chacko to provide a brief verbal update regarding transit services. James Chacko, Executive Director, Transit Windsor, appears before the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee Sitting as the Transit Windsor Board of Directors, to provide a brief verbal update regarding transit services. Mr. Chacko mentions the recent opening of the West End Terminal and the upcoming opening of the East End Terminal later this summer. He also states that expansion and renovations are beginning on the transit garage and surrounding area. Mr. Chacko adds that the formal public education campaign for the new UMO fare payment system will begin in mid-August, with a go-live date approximately six weeks later. The next major technological upgrade will be the EVL system, beginning this fall and expected to be ready and fully implemented in September of 2027.

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Mr. Chacko next provides an update on ridership numbers for Q1 and Q2. He states that there has been an overall rebound in adult, youth, and senior ridership in Q2, and there has been positive growth in ridership numbers in Q1 and Q2 of 2026, compared to Q1 and Q2 of 2025. May and June 2026 have been the best two cash ridership months in the first six months of the year.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires when the East End Terminal is expected to open. James Chacko replies that the opening should take place in August, before the beginning of the school year.

Councillor Gary Kaschak asks if Transit Windsor representatives will be present in high schools at the beginning of the school year, as they were last year. Mr. Chacko replies that the Ambassador Program will be in schools again this year. Jelena Payne, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Commissioner, Economic Development, adds that the Ambassador Program will be present during orientation weeks in late August, to provide information for those students transitioning from Grade 8 to Grade 9.

Councillor Gary Kaschak then inquires if the new Director of the Windsor Catholic School Board has reached out to the city yet. James Chacko replies that they have not been in contact.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires whether the upcoming quarterly report coming to council will include financial information in addition to ridership numbers. James Chacko states that an overview of the financials could be included, but it will not be detailed.

Moved by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

Seconded by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Decision Number: **TWB 27**

That the verbal update related to Transit Services provided by the Executive Director of Transit Services **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

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 4:56 o'clock p.m. The next meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee will be held September 23, 2026.

Carried.

Ward 9 – Councillor Kieran McKenzie
(Chairperson)

Deputy City Clerk / Supervisor of Council
Services