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Item No. 3 Access Advisory Committee - Transit Fare Increase to Fund Rapid Transit Infrastructure

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On December 6, 2011, the Access Advisory Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS on November 16, 2011, City Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, as amended, and adopted the following:

1. That:
   - A. Full and handi-transit cash fares be increased by 5 cents effective January 1, 2012 and an additional 20 cents effective June 1, 2012.
   - B. Reduced and senior cash fares be increased by 5 cents effective January 1, 2012 and an additional 20 cents effective June 1, 2012.
   - C. Full and handi-transit tickets be increased by 5 cents per ticket effective January 1, 2012 and an additional 20 cents effective June 1, 2012.
   - D. Reduced and senior tickets be increased by 5 cents per ticket effective January 1, 2012 and an additional 20 cents effective June 1, 2012.
   - E. All forms of full, reduced and handi-transit weekday, weekly and monthly passes be increased by the proportionate equivalent of a 5 cent full cash fare increase effective January 1, 2012 and by the proportionate equivalent of an additional 20 cents effective June 1, 2012.
   - F. Senior tickets and passes are increased such that those fares remain 50% less than the equivalent full fare.
2. That effective June 1, 2012, 20 cents of said increase and adjustments be set aside in the Rapid Transit Reserve Capital Fund for new Rapid Transit Development.
3. That to accommodate agreement from the Province that there is no impact to the current operational funding that the additional 20 cents be implemented on June 1, 2012.

4. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

AND WHEREAS the Access Advisory Committee was of the view that the 20 cent additional fare increase on June 1, 2012 would present a hardship for persons with disabilities on employment and income assistance; persons with disabilities who are working for lower wages; and persons with disabilities who have to pay not only their own transit fare, but the transit fare for their attendant;

AND WHEREAS many persons with disabilities have no choice but to use public transportation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Access Advisory Committee recommend to the Executive Policy Committee that the City of Winnipeg, through its negotiations with Province of Manitoba, come up with a way to fund rapid transit using any means possible to ensure affordable transportation and avoid transit users being charged an additional 20 cents.