STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL

AND PUBLIC WORKS

MOTIONS

Minute No. 702
Moved by Councillor Santos,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS Winnipeg Transit's low income bus pass policy qualifies new immigrants for a pass by utilizing an agency/organization who work with immigrants trying to get established in Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS many people living in poverty do not necessarily file income taxes especially when they are young adults or older teenagers;

AND WHEREAS people without homes often couch surf and use relatives' addresses to establish themselves in Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the policy idea that someone living in poverty outside of Winnipeg would want to fake an address in the city to allow themselves to buy a low income bus pass they can barely afford is ridiculous;

AND WHEREAS there are many not for profit organizations working with people living in poverty trying to assist those who are trying to get established and become employed to alleviate the poverty such as the North End Community Renewal Corporation, St. Boniface Street Links, women centres, and Main Street Project;

AND WHEREAS many First Nations entities assist persons who are indigenous get established in Winnipeg's urban environment so they can avoid living in poverty and live in safe homes;

AND WHEREAS all these reliable agencies/organizations can lift the administrative burden off of Winnipeg Transit by vouching that the persons they are working with are living in poverty;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Winnipeg Transit change the low income bus pass policy to allow not for profit agencies/organizations to qualify people living in poverty for a low income bus pass purchase in the same fashion as agencies working with immigrants.

Automatic Referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law