Minutes – Standing Policy Committee on Public Works – March 4, 2026

REPORTS

Item No. 1 Annual Update - Public Transit Service for Large Events in 2025

STANDING COMMITTEE DECISION:

The Standing Policy Committee on Public Works concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and received the report as information.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Sharma,

That the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service be concurred in.

Carried

COUNCIL DECISION:

On June 20, 2019, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and adopted the following:

1. That Council grant the Director of Transit the authority to provide additional transit service when ridership demands for large event activities are expected to exceed the capacity of regular service, and that future funding for this service be included in the Department's operating budget beginning in 2020.

2. That an annual report summarizing the additional service for large events, including an approximate cost breakdown, be provided to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, beginning in March 2020.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: Annual Update - Public Transit Service for Large Events in 2025

Critical Path: Standing Policy Committee on Public Works

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Every year, there are large events where ridership is expected to exceed capacity. The Public Service summarizes the extra service provided, with an approximate cost breakdown, in an annual report.

This report is for the period of January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025.

During this period, the extra transit service cost $528,039.32.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That this report be received as information.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

As part of the recommendations adopted by Council on June 20, 2019, an annual report summarizing the additional service for large events, including an approximate cost breakdown, is to be provided to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works, beginning in March 2020. This report is for the period from January 1, 2025, until December 31, 2025.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

There are no implications associated with receiving the report as information.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

On June 20, 2019, Council concurred in the recommendations of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works in relation to the “Public Transit Service for Large Events” administrative report, and adopted the following:

1. That Council grant the Director of Transit the authority to provide additional transit service when ridership demands for large event activities are expected to exceed the capacity of regular service, and that future funding for this service be included in the Department's operating budget beginning in 2020.

2. That an annual report summarizing the additional service for large events, including an approximate cost breakdown, be provided to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works, beginning in March 2020.

These recommendations allow Winnipeg Transit to add additional service to accommodate large, short-term increases in passenger volume quickly and efficiently.

From January 1, 2025, until December 31, 2025, $528,039.32 of extra transit service was provided that fit under this category, as follows:

Date	Event	Bus Costs	Inspector Costs	Total Costs
June 13-22	Red River Ex	$89,678.82	-	$89,678.82
Various*	Blue Bomber Games	$350,619.50	$22,050.00	$372,669.50
July 9,10	Stadium Concerts**	$47,470.50	$4,410.00	$51,880.50
November 15	Santa Claus Parade	$13,810.50	-	$13,810.50
				Gross Cost of Service
				$528,039.32
				Net Cost of Service
Revenue (fare) recovery - RRX $21,656.57 Blue Bombers $81,937.17				**$424,445.58**

* May 24, June 12, 26, July 18, August 1, 14, September 6, 27, October 17, 25
** New to 2025

As per the policy for events that qualify under the Public Transit Service for Large Events mandate, only enhanced service within Transit's service area is covered by Transit's budget. Any extension of service beyond the service area is charged to the event.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement **Date:** January 9, 2026

Project Name:
Annual Update - Public Transit Service for Large Events in 2025

COMMENTS:

There is no financial impact as this report is for information only.

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CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

N/A

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

Goal: Environmental Resilience

Objective 2. Prioritize sustainable transportation as the mobility options of choice.
Transition to a sustainable transportation system that safely and efficiently moves people, goods and services, increases access to a variety of affordable mobility choices, encourages less reliance on personal vehicle travel, reduces travel time, mitigates congestion and related greenhouse gas emissions, and supports the development of denser, better-connected, healthy and complete communities.

WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

This report aligns with Winnipeg Climate Action Plan as follows:

Key Direction 3.1 Increase Use and Efficiency of Public Transit Systems (Primary Responsibility: Winnipeg Transit).

WINNIPEG POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

Goal 5(b) Transportation System Equity is Enhanced – improvements to transportation and transit infrastructure and services prioritize areas of higher poverty, and increased interconnectivity to employment and affordable goods and services

SUBMITTED BY

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