

MINUTES – JANUARY 29, 2026

Meeting of the St. John’s Transportation Commission
Thursday, January 29, 2026 12:00 PM
In-Person at 25 Messenger Drive and via Zoom

REGULAR

In attendance:

James Greey	Chair
Paul Canning	Commissioner
Derrick Hutchens	Commissioner
Josh Smee	Commissioner
Franklin Onwa	Commissioner
Ron Ellsworth	Commissioner/Deputy Mayor
Kate Cadigan	Commissioner/City Councillor
Derek Coffey	Deputy City Manager, Finance & Corporate Services
Judy Powell	General Manager
Donna Power	Administrative Assistant

I. PROCEDURAL

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 PM.

The Commission extended a warm welcome to Mr. Franklin Onwa. Mr. Onwa shared his pleasure to be joining the Commission and to be part of an organization that has such an impact on the community.

II. AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented. Moved by Commissioner Canning; seconded by Commissioner Smee. Motion carried.

III. MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the December 18, 2025 regular meeting as presented. Moved by Commissioner Cadigan; seconded by Commissioner Canning. Motion carried.

IV. BUSINESS ARISING

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Committees of Commission

A list of the current committee membership has been circulated with today's meeting documents. Commissioners are asked to consider which committees, if any, they wish to serve on and let the General Manager know their interest at the next meeting.

2. Reports

Monthly reports were presented for the Commission's consideration.

i. General Manager's Report

ii. Executive Summary Report

On Demand Holiday Service: The Commission felt that given the outcomes of the pilot project (including a delayed booking window and suspended service on Christmas Day due to weather), it would be worthwhile to offer the same service again next year. Now that the software has been prepared, the process should be smoother next time.

Route 29: Staff will be monitoring service on this new route since it services Dominion (Lake Avenue) which will be closing in May, and Signal Hill Campus which will be divested by MUN. Though exact data is not yet available, ridership does appear to be on par with expectations and feedback has been positive.

iii. Financial Statements for December 2025

Overall, ridership for 2025 was 4% lower than the previous year which is something staff will continue to monitor. At the end of the year Metrobus was under budget and debt free.

VI. OTHER

The next meeting of the St. John's Transportation Commission will take place on February 26, 2026, at noon.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Business concluded at approximately 12:17 PM.

MOTION: To adjourn the January 29, 2026, regular business meeting of the St. John's Transportation Commission.

Moved by Commissioner Canning. Meeting adjourned.