

## MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

Meeting of the St. John's Transportation Commission  
Thursday, September 25, 2025 12:00 PM  
In-Person at 25 Messenger Drive and via Zoom

### REGULAR

#### In attendance:

|                  |                              |
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| James Greey      | Chair                        |
| Tolulope Akerele | Commissioner                 |
| Paul Canning     | Commissioner                 |
| Derrick Hutchens | Commissioner                 |
| Josh Smee        | Commissioner                 |
| Ron Ellsworth    | Commissioner/City Councillor |
| Kevin Breen      | City Manager                 |
| Judy Powell      | General Manager              |
| Donna Power      | Administrative Assistant     |

#### Regrets:

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| Derek Coffey  | Deputy City Manager, Finance & Corporate Services |
| Maggie Burton | Commissioner/City Councillor                      |

### I. PROCEDURAL

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 PM. Commissioner Ellsworth chaired the meeting at the request of Chair Greey.

### II. AGENDA

**MOTION:** To approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by Commissioner Hutchens; seconded by Commissioner Smee. Motion carried.

### III. MINUTES

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the August 28, 2025 regular meeting as presented.

Moved by Commissioner Canning; seconded by Commissioner Smee. Motion carried.

### IV. BUSINESS ARISING

### V. NEW BUSINESS

## **1. Request for Presentation on Transit Planning Principles**

Commissioner Hutchens suggested, and the Commission agreed, that it may be helpful to have a presentation from staff to more fully understand the issues, concerns and other elements that influence transit planning. With the municipal election scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will be new commissioners who would also benefit from this presentation.

This presentation will be added to the next month's agenda. A discussion about the Roles and Responsibilities of the Commission and Management will also be added to the agenda for the benefit of new commissioners.

## **2. Finance Committee Meeting**

Committee members will be contacted to set a meeting date to discuss the draft budget for 2026 and to review the annual pension statements.

## **3. Reports**

### **i. General Manager's Report**

No discussion.

### **ii. Executive Summary Report**

GoBus: The Commission requested to see monthly comparative data for the number of rides taken on Metrobus by GoBus customers.

### **iii. Financial Statements for August 2025**

In a recent media interview, the mayor of Mount Pearl stated that they want to have more service in their city, but Metrobus doesn't have the buses or drivers to provide it. Commissioners felt this was politically-driven and very misleading since Mount Pearl receives the amount of service they agreed to pay for.

The year-to-date cost for trainee honorariums is higher than budgeted because a training program with 10 new drivers recently finished.

## **VI. OTHER**

The next meeting of the St. John's Transportation Commission will take place on October 30, 2025, at noon.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Business concluded at approximately 12:15 PM.

**MOTION:** To adjourn the September 25, 2025, regular business meeting of the St. John's Transportation Commission.

Moved by Commissioner Canning. Meeting adjourned.