



Notice – Item for Discussion

Submitted by:	Councillor Harvey
Subject:	Free transit for Seniors
Reference Committee Name:	Infrastructure and Community Investment
Reference Committee Date:	March 8, 2022
General Committee Date:	March 22, 2022
City Council Date:	March 29, 2022

Motion for consideration:

That staff in Parking and Transit Strategy investigate the feasibility and costs associated with adding one or two more days per week for free transit for seniors in lieu of having Seniors Month in June as an entire free month and report back to General Committee no later than then May 30, 2023.

Reason or Rationale in support of the motion:

Last year for Senior's Month which falls in June of each year the city offered free senior's transit for the entire month. Throughout the year the city offers Thursday as a free transit day for seniors. This allows fixed income seniors to get to their medical appointments and to pick up groceries or complete other errands as required. In June 2023 that would account for an additional 22 days of free transit. By splitting those days up through the year and adding additional days to permit a second or third day through the week would greatly assist fixed income senior's to attend their appointments and errands with greater flexibility. An initial investigation with the Director of Transit and Parking has estimated a second day opposed to the month of June being free at approximately an additional \$20,150.

Linkage to Strategic Plan:

Thriving Community

- Make it easier to move around the city
- Continue to support a vibrant downtown

