

May 18, 2016

To: Members,  
Community and Protective Services Committee

Re: Amendment to Transit Fare Bylaw 2009-22

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RECOMMENDATION

1. That the amendments to *The Regina Transit Fare Bylaw, 2009* as described in this report be approved.
2. That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the required amending bylaw based on the changes identified in this report.
3. That this report be forwarded to the May 30, 2016 meeting of Council.

CONCLUSION

*The Regina Transit Fare Bylaw* (the Bylaw) requires an amendment in order to implement the new U-Pass which will be distributed at a rate to be determined by the University of Regina Students' Union (URSU) in accordance with a contract between the City of Regina and the URSU (the Agreement).

BACKGROUND

The City of Regina has entered into an Agreement with the URSU to implement a U-Pass which was approved by Council on September 28, 2015 (Report CR15-98).

DISCUSSION

On September 28, 2015, City Council approved the U-Pass and on December 22, 2015, an Agreement was signed between the URSU and the City of Regina. Pursuant to the Agreement between the City and the URSU, the URSU pays a set fee per semester to the City for bus service in each academic year regardless of student enrolment. This fee is intended to cover the entire cost to the City of additional buses and route enhancements due to the implementation of the U-Pass Program. The URSU is responsible to set, administer and collect fees from students.

In order to implement the terms of the Agreement and the U-Pass program, the Bylaw must be amended to exempt the U-Pass from the fare rates as set out in the Bylaw as these fare rates will be set by the URSU through the imposition of student fees. All other terms and conditions in the Bylaw that apply to other bus passes will continue to apply to the U-Pass.

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

The revenue contained in the Agreement is included in the Transit operating budget.

### Environmental Implications

None with respect to this report.

### Other Implications

Transit runs a single fare system, therefore, this Agreement does apply to both conventional and paratransit service. A single fare system brings equality to all that use the transit service.

### Accessibility Implications

In 2014, Regina Transit became fully accessible with all low floor buses and will provide a viable transportation option to those individuals unable to operate their own motor vehicle.

### COMMUNICATIONS

The implementation date of the U-Pass is September 1, 2016. Information on the U-Pass will be communicated by the URSU to the University of Regina student body.

### DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The recommendations contained in this report require City Council approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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Transit Services

Respectfully submitted,

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Kim Onrait, Executive Director  
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