



Councillor Joe Mihevc

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St. Paul's West
Ward 21

Memorandum

To: Executive Committee

From: Councillor Joe Mihevc, Ward 21, St. Paul's West

Date: 12/22/2009

Re: Consideration of motion from the Canadian Urban Transit Association regarding endorsement of Transit Vision 2040

I am bringing the attached resolution from the Canadian Urban Transit Association to Executive Committee for consideration. The resolution is an endorsement of Transit Vision 2040, CUTA's long term vision for transit in Canada, which includes 27 strategic recommendations and six broad themes.

Please find the draft resolution enclosed.

Sincerely,

Councillor Joe Mihevc
Ward 21, St. Paul's West



TRANSIT VISION 2040 DRAFT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS public transit provides essential and universal mobility to residents within Canada's urban areas;

AND WHEREAS public transit strengthens economic competitiveness by making effective and efficient use of roadway capacity and offering people a transportation choice other than the automobile;

AND WHEREAS public transit reduces greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution;

AND WHEREAS transit infrastructure investment needs for Canadian transit systems in the period 2008-2012 stand at \$41 billion, with over \$5-billion of this amount not fundable under current programs;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have inadequate revenue tools to finance the full cost of transit infrastructure and operations;

AND WHEREAS, in response to these challenges, the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) has – in broad consultation with many stakeholders across Canada – developed Transit Vision 2040, consisting of the following six themes:

- 1. Putting transit at the centre of communities** through stronger government policy and decision-making frameworks, and better community planning and design.
- 2. Revolutionizing service** through expansion and innovation, so that transit systems can both encourage and serve growing demands as they keep pace with the changing face of Canadian communities.
- 3. Focusing on customers** and accelerating the delivery of flexible, integrated transit services that meet the needs of an increasingly diverse and discriminating clientele.
- 4. Greening transit** to further reduce the industry's ecological footprint, improve energy efficiency and limit greenhouse gas emissions.
- 5. Ensuring financial health** through enhanced transit infrastructure and operating investments by all orders of government, more progressive approaches to generating revenue, and new efficiencies in service delivery.
- 6. Strengthening knowledge and practice** so that Canada's transit industry can more effectively respond to future opportunities and challenges.

THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT THIS COUNCIL:

1. Endorse Transit Vision 2040, as developed by the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA), including its 6 themes and 27 Strategic Directions.

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2. Seek to align the future vision of public transit services with Transit Vision 2040 and endeavour to reach or exceed performance targets outlined in the Vision.