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Ms. Ulli S. Watkiss
City Clerk
Scarborough Community Council
Scarborough Civic Centre
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COMMUNITY SECTION

Dear Ms. Watkiss,

This is in response to your letter of May 21, 2013 in which Toronto City Council asked the TTC to report to Scarborough Community Council about the time-based transfer which was made available in 2006 on the 512 St. Clair streetcar line.

The introduction in 2006 of a temporary time-based transfer on the 512 St. Clair streetcar route was done in order to help encourage people to travel and shop locally on St. Clair Avenue during the construction associated with the St. Clair streetcar right-of-way. The construction of that right-of-way was a source of concern among shop owners and merchants who feared that the construction activities would deter people from doing their regular shopping there. The time-based transfer was provided as a means of mitigating against that possible effect. Our information indicates that there was not a big uptake on the time-based transfer arrangement and, therefore, there was no real inequity to others by offering this limited incentive for people to continue to travel and shop locally.

The TTC is currently undertaking a review of various system-wide fare and transfer policies, and time-based transfers is one of the ideas being studied. The results of this work is expected to be before our Board in the fall of this year.

Thank you for your enquiry.

Sincerely,

Andy Byford
Chief Executive Officer

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