

City Council**Motion without Notice**

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Urging the Federal Parties and Candidates to make their Platforms known to meet Canada's Public Transit needs of the Future - by Councillor Josh Colle, seconded by Councillor Joe Mihevc

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Josh Colle, seconded by Councillor Joe Mihevc, recommends that:

1. City Council declare that it supports greater federal investment in public transit infrastructure commencing in the 2016 budget.
2. City Council request that funding models allow flexibility to meet the different realities of cities, towns and collectivities across Canada.
3. City Council urge the federal parties to make public transit a major electoral issue by advising the public as to each party's plan for transit over the coming months.
4. City Council endorse the attached transit survey by adding the City of Toronto's name to the list of signatories that will be sent to all federal parties.
5. City Council send a copy of the survey to all federal candidates running within the City to gauge their opinions on public transit for Canadian communities.
6. City Council continue to support a federal role in public transit across Canada and promote the many benefits of public transit for Canadians.

Summary

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Canadian Urban Transit Association have expressed their concerns about a transit infrastructure gap in Canada.

Canada's mobility needs of the future to assure an efficient and modern public transit network require long term, dedicated, indexed and recurrent funding.

Canada's economic competitiveness as well as the quality of life of its citizens is improved with

renewed accessible transit infrastructure.

Rapid urbanization and the phenomenon of congestion that has accompanied it can only be solved through promoting a modal shift from the automobile to public transit.

The expansion of public transit through new lines, additional frequency and adding capacity allows effective and efficient use of roadways by offering the public a transportation choice other than the automobile.

Public transit reduces greenhouse gas emission and pollution.

Municipalities have an inadequate tax revenue base to finance the full cost of transit infrastructure and operations.

In advance of the upcoming Federal election, the Canadian Urban Transit Association has circulated the attached survey to Federal parties and Leaders in order to properly inform the electorate about their respective positions on Canada's urban transit issues.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM8.33

2015 Transit Survey

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-82029.pdf>)