



A Greener City for All

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Toronto City Council
City Hall, 100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
By email: councilmeeting@toronto.ca

Re: Support for MM5.6 - Fine Equity: Balancing Toronto Transit Commission Fare Evasion and Parking Fines

Dear City Councillors,

The Toronto Environmental Alliance is an environmental non-profit organization that has been advocating for a greener city for all for over thirty years. **We urge you to support Member Motion 5.6 “Fine Equity: Balancing Toronto Transit Commission Fare Evasion and Parking Fines”.**

An accessible, affordable and equitable transit system is critical to meet Toronto’s climate goals and achieve net zero by 2040. High fines, particularly fines that are significantly larger than those faced by any other mode of transportation, is a barrier to meeting Toronto’s Net Zero goals.

As the City is trying to significantly increase ridership, the systemic inequities in our transit system must be addressed including the disproportionate impact of fines and fare enforcement activities. We share concerns raised by [Councillors](#) and the [TTCriders](#) about the impact of fare enforcement activities on low-income, Indigenous and racialized transit users, and the concerns raised by the Ontario Human Rights Commission about uneven access to Presto in some regions of the city.

We urge you to support the principle of fairness and this motion, and to work to immediately to address the inequity of non-payment enforcement between transit and car users.

Sincerely,

How-Sen Chong
Climate Campaigner, Toronto Environmental Alliance