

NOTICE OF MOTION

Responding to Bill 98, Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026

Moved by: Councillor

Myers

Seconded by: Councillor

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SUMMARY:

On March 30th, 2026, Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing introduced Bill 98, *Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026* and on April 14, 2026, the legislation passed Second Reading.

Schedule 4 of Bill 98 will enact the *Fare Alignment and Seamless Transit Act, 2026*, which enables the Minister of Transportation to exercise sweeping powers over service and fare policies to further integrate transit in the region. Consultation may commence as early as May 2026 on proposals under this new legislation.

The TTC's mission is to "serve the needs of transit riders by providing a safe, reliable, efficient and accessible mass public transit service through a seamless integrated network to create access to opportunity for everyone." The TTC's role providing transit that keeps Toronto moving is integral to our city's economy and the lives of people who rely on the TTC to get around.

The ability for the TTC to make decisions about service and fares are fundamental to our ability to deliver transit services that meet the needs of Torontonians and our city's goals for transportation, congestion, and climate outcomes. These decisions are made by the TTC's Board through the Annual Network Plan, Operating & Capital Budgets, and other plans and strategies, which are informed by community input and considered at public meetings. *Bill 98, Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026* proposes substantial power to the Minister of Transportation to introduce directives via regulation that would impact the TTC's authority in these areas.

As a partner in the One Fare program and operator of cross-boundary service on Line 1 into York Region, the TTC has worked to contribute to a regional transportation network that serves people from across Ontario. These partnerships have been the result of collaboration across agencies and levels of government, and serve as a reminder of how we can work together to continue advancing stronger public transit in Ontario, together. If Bill 98 is adopted, regulations made under the *Fare Alignment and Seamless Transit Act, 2026* (Schedule 4 of Bill 98) should be informed by the needs of local communities and continue that history of collaboration and mutual agreement.

At the TTC Board's meeting on April 16, 2026, the Board endorsed key principles to guide staff participation in consultations with the Province of Ontario on the regulatory framework under the

Fare Alignment and Seamless Transit Act, 2026. This motion seeks Council's affirmation of that decision.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council affirm the TTC Board's decision on Item TTC14.18 outlining key principles for staff participation in consultations with the Province of Ontario on the province's regulatory framework under the *Fare Alignment and Seamless Transit Act, 2026*.

April 22, 2026