



Halifax Transit Fares

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By-law U-100 Respecting User Charges

- Establishes the fares that are required to use the service(s)



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Free Service

Under the By-law, travel on Halifax Transit is free for:

- Children under 5 years of age (currently piloting free for children under 12 years of age)
- Seniors between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm, and after 6:00 pm on Tuesdays
- A person with a CNIB identification card
- Halifax Transit employees
- Halifax Regional Police officers in uniform
- Personal care attendants when accompanying a registered Access-A-Bus user
- On Remembrance Day, armed forces members and their family members, if in uniform or ID is shown
- Refugees under the settlement support program for one year



Free Service

The By-law also allows Council, by resolution, or the CAO to waive fares for:

- Natal Day and Canada Day (Free Ferry Service)
- After 6 pm on New Years Eve
- Where in the opinion of Council or the CAO, waiving fares is beneficial to the municipality. The CAO may also delegate this authority to the Director of Halifax Transit.



Free Service

This year, Halifax Transit has provided the following community support:

- Supported 21 community events by providing free service to over 2,000 event volunteers and participants
- Supported over 187 not-for-profit organizations by providing free transit tickets



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Fare Concessions

- Department of Community Services Annual Passes (approximately 10,000 in circulation)
- Low Income Transit Pass Program (approximately 1,800 in circulation)
- Senior/Youth passes and tickets
- UPass
- EPass



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Revenue Impacts

- The revenue loss that results in offering free transit service on a typical weekday (all day) is approximately \$55,000
 - The impact varies based on the time of year
 - Revenue loss on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, is typically less significant than on a weekday (low range - \$25,000)
 - Revenue loss for multiple days in the same week/month is estimated to be higher as more passengers would choose not to purchase monthly passes

Questions

