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Halifax Regional Council
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TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed

Denise Schofield, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: May 25, 2023

SUBJECT: **By-law U-100 Housekeeping Amendments to Transit Fares**

ORIGIN

Staff-initiated report to address By-law U-100 – Respecting User Charges (By-law U-100) housekeeping amendments to transit fares.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, SNS 2008, c 39:

7A The purposes of the Municipality are to
(a) provide good government;
(b) provide services, facilities and other things that, in the opinion of the Council, are necessary or desirable for all or part of the Municipality; and
(c) develop and maintain safe and viable communities.

79A (1) Subject to subsections (2) to (4), the Municipality may only spend money for municipal purposes if
(a) the expenditure is included in the Municipality’s operating budget or capital budget or is otherwise authorized by the Municipality;
(b) the expenditure is in respect of an emergency under the *Emergency Management Act*; or
(c) the expenditure is legally required to be paid.

102 Subject to the approval of the Board for those services that are subject to the Public Utilities Act, the Council may, by by-law, prescribe charges for the provision of services for persons who use or benefit from the service, on a basis to be set out in the by-law.

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council adopt By-law U-114, amending Schedule 1 of By-law U-100, the *User Charges By-law*, as set out in Attachment B to this report.

BACKGROUND

Halifax Transit provides a diverse range of fare programs in support of its mission to provide a safe, reliable, and sustainable transit system for all. As these programs grow and evolve, Halifax Transit staff conduct regular reviews to ensure the organization continues to successfully meet the changing needs of its customers and the community. During a recent review of these programs and transit user charges, the recommendations outlined in this report were identified.

DISCUSSION

Affordable Access Transit Pass Program

In 2019, the Low Income Transit Pass Program, which is part of the municipality's Affordable Access Program, was rebranded to the Affordable Access Transit Pass Program. An amendment to By-law U-100 is required to reflect this change.

Additional Fares for Regional Express Service

As set out in By-law U-100, Halifax Transit's fare structure requires an additional \$1.00 fee for Regional Express service for those presenting a Senior/Youth/Student monthly pass, ticket, or transfer. An additional \$1.50 is required for adults (with monthly passes, tickets, or transfers) and UPass customers. The by-law does not specifically state if the additional cash fare for this premium service is required for those participating in other programs, such as the EPass program. It is recommended that language be inserted to clarify that the additional cash fare is only required in the instances listed in the by-law and waived in all other circumstances.

The most relevant programs and instances where fares are currently waived include:

Annual Passes

Halifax Transit's two existing annual pass programs, including EPass (which is provided via payroll deductions from an employer), and the Department of Community Services pass do not require additional fare. The EPass program initially included a secondary fare product valid for Regional Express; however, this was eventually discontinued due to low volumes being purchased. It would be a change of practice and contrary to existing agreements to begin charging an additional fare for pass holders of these programs.

Seniors Free Fare Tuesday

This program provides free transit service for seniors aged 65 years and older on conventional bus, ferry services, and Access-A-Bus from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and after 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. When originally launched in 2012, participants were required to pay \$1.00 for Regional Express service; however, this has not been publicly or internally communicated since that time, and application of the fare has been inconsistent. A permanent waiver of the additional fare for this program is recommended to provide greater clarity.

Instances When Fares are Waived

There are instances when fares are waived entirely, including New Years Eve, for event volunteers, under the Welcomed in Halifax program, etc. The intent is to clarify that these instances in which transit fares are waived would include Regional Express service, as is the current practice.

Transit Passes for Housing and Homelessness Programs

The existing by-law allows some flexibility for Regional Council, the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), and the Halifax Transit Executive Director (as delegated by the CAO) to waive fares when in their opinion it is beneficial to the municipality. Over the past few years, there have been several requests for Halifax Transit to provide small quantities of free passes/tickets to support initiatives related to housing and homelessness. These requests have been made through elected officials, external agencies including non-profit organizations (i.e., Archdiocese Emergency Shelters Project), and the internal staff team focused on this work. As these requests have been in alignment with and support other Council or staff initiatives (i.e., provision of temporary housing and relocation during extreme weather events), they have generally been granted.

As requests have become more regular and there appears to be a need for ongoing support, it is recommended that the distribution of fare products to support initiatives of the municipal Housing and Homelessness programs be formalized in the by-law, rather than relying on approvals of ad-hoc requests.

The intent is that the Executive Director, Halifax Transit will have discretion to provide an allotment of fare products (i.e., a mix of monthly passes and tickets) to the Community Safety (Housing and Homelessness) team each month. That team will field incoming requests from both agencies and individuals to ensure the products are used in an optimal way in alignment with departmental goals. This includes determining which external agencies to partner with, ensuring recipients are not eligible for passes under different programs, (i.e., individuals receiving support through provincial income assistance programs), and that passes are distributed to maximize usage and minimize resale.

In past months, the maximum number of fare products distributed under this umbrella has not exceeded 25 monthly passes and 10 sheets of tickets. As such, it is anticipated that a monthly allotment equivalent to the value of 30 monthly bus passes would be sufficient to maintain current levels of support. However, to allow for some immediate and future growth as well as unexpected circumstances, it is recommended that the by-law be amended to allow for the provision of fare products up to a maximum monthly value equal to the user charge for 70 adult monthly passes. The Director, Housing and Homelessness will have the flexibility to request a combination of passes, tickets, and other fare products (adult and senior/youth) as would best support their programs, up to this equivalent value. It is expected that in the short term, the requests will typically have an equivalent value in the range of 30-35 passes, which would change over time with fluctuations in need, as well as increased demand during the summer months.

Free Travel for Parking Compliance Officers

Presently, there are 23 parking compliance officers providing parking enforcement across the region. On average, three to five officers are assigned daily to the downtown core on foot patrol in areas with high levels of transit service. It is recommended that free transit be provided to these parking compliance officers while in uniform and carrying out duties. The use of transit improves efficiencies, reduces lost time, and enables officers assigned to vehicles to focus on work outside of the downtown area.

UPass User Charges

Halifax Transit's UPass program continues to grow. In 2022, approximately 29,300 students participated in the program from Dalhousie University, University of King's College, Saint Mary's University, Mount Saint Vincent University, NSCAD and NSCC. Each year, the user charges for the program are increased 1.5%,

as agreed upon by Halifax Transit and UPass partners. Attachment B to this report reflects these increases for 2023-2026.

Chartered Transit Services

Halifax Transit does not typically offer charter services; however, charter service has been provided when deemed appropriate, such as for large, international events when operationally feasible. Charter service rates are calculated to cover all costs associated with providing the service, plus a 10 percent contingency on fuel and staff costs. It is recommended that By-Law U-100 be amended to include an exemption clause to facilitate charter service opportunities as they arise.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All recommendations presented in this report result in minimal financial implications as most amendments are primarily housekeeping in nature, reflect current practices, or are intended to provide greater clarity and transparency.

Transit Passes for Housing and Homelessness Programs

The total maximum cost to deliver transit fare products up to the value of 70 Adult monthly passes is \$5,775 per month, or \$69,300 per annum. The amendments may result in more consistent and higher distribution of fare products via the municipal Housing and Homelessness team; however, this would only result in a loss of revenue to Halifax Transit if the participants would otherwise be purchasing transit fare products, which is expected to be rare.

UPass User Charges

It is estimated that a yearly 1.5% increase in user fees from 2023 to 2026 for the UPass program will add approximately \$80,000 per year or \$240,000 over three years. This estimate has been calculated based on revenue generated by the program over the past two years, outside of COVID-19 restrictions that would have caused a downward trend.

RISK CONSIDERATION

There are no significant risks associated with recommendations in this report. The risks considered rate low.

To reach this conclusion, consideration was given to the implementation of sustainable and efficient administrative processes to operationalize recommendations, adherence to eligibility criteria for programs, and the development of regular targeted public communications and marketing strategies to mitigate potential risks.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

No directed community engagement was undertaken in the preparation of this report. Recommendations presented have been informed by feedback and inquiries provided to municipal Contact Centres and communication with Councillors' offices in response to inquiries received from constituents.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

No environmental implications were identified.

ALTERNATIVES

Halifax Regional Council may:

1. refuse to adopt By-law U-114, amending Schedule 1 of By-law U-100; or
2. adopt By-law U-114 subject to modifications. This may require a supplementary staff report.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Showing Proposed Changes to By-law U-100

Attachment B – Amending By-law U-114

A copy of this report can be obtained online at halifax.ca or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

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Schedule 1

Halifax Transit User Charges

Interpretation

1. In this Schedule,

(a) “Access-A-Bus” means the Halifax Transit service for persons unable to use conventional transit due to a physical or cognitive disability;

(aa) “Affordable Access Transit Pass” means a transit pass issued under the Affordable Access Transit Pass Program;

(b) “adult” means a person 18 years of age and up to and including 64 years of age;

(ba) “charity” means a registered Canadian charitable organization;

(c) “child” means a person between 0 years of age and up to and including 12 years of age;

(d) “CNIB” means The Canadian National Institute for the Blind;

(da) “Department of Community Services Pass” means a transit pass purchased by the Province of Nova Scotia and issued to an Employment Support and Income Assistance client;

(db) “Executive Director” means the position determined by the CAO to be the head of a department of the Municipality, and who is accountable to the CAO under section 36 of the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter;

(e) “Halifax Transit” means the transit facilities and services provided by the Municipality;

(f) ~~“Low Income Transit Pass” means a transit pass issued under the Low Income Transit Pass Program;~~ **Repeal**

(fa) “non-profit” means,

(i) a society incorporated pursuant to the Societies Act, R.S.N.S 1989, c. 435, as amended;

(ii) a not-for-profit corporation incorporated pursuant to the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, S.C 2009, c.23; or

(iii) a non-profit organization otherwise incorporated pursuant to an Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature;

(g) “personal care attendant” means a person issued a Personal Care Attendant Identification Card by Access-A-Bus;

(h) “proper authority” means any employee of Halifax Transit carrying an identification card issued by Halifax Transit;

(i) “refugee” means a person identified as a refugee pursuant to the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*;

(ia) “refugee claimant” means a person

(i) who has been granted Protected Person status by the Immigration and Refugees Board of Canada,

(ii) who has been issued a Refugee Protection Claimant Document by the Government of Canada,

(iii) who has applied to the Government of Canada for a Pre-Removal Risk Assessment,

(iv) who cannot return to their home country because the Government of Canada has suspended or deferred removal to that country, or

(v) without temporary status, has applied to the Government of Canada to stay in Canada permanently on humanitarian and compassionate grounds;

(j) “registered Access-A-Bus user” means a person eligible to travel on Access-A-Bus as determined through an application process;

(k) “senior” means a person 65 years of age and over;

(l) “SmartTrip EPass” means a transit pass issued under the SmartTrip Program;

(m) “student monthly pass” means a monthly pass purchased and distributed by the Halifax Regional Centre for Education;

(ma) “Student Transit Pass” means a transit pass issued under the Student Transit Pass Pilot Project;

(n) “transfer” means proof of payment in a form prescribed by Halifax Transit that

(i) is issued by Halifax Transit when the initial user charge is paid;

(ii) allows the person to continuously travel on more than one route, of the same or lesser user charge, without having to pay an additional user charge; and

(iii) expires ninety (90) minutes after the last timepoint on the **originating** ~~originating~~ route;

(o) “UPass” means a transit pass issued to a student who attends a post-secondary institution that has signed a contract with the Municipality; and

(p) “youth” means a person between 13 years of age and up to and including 17 years of age.

Application

2. (1) Subject to section 3, no person shall travel or attempt to travel on Halifax Transit without paying the appropriate user charge as set out in section 9 of this Schedule.

(2) Where the amount of the user charge for passage on Halifax Transit is disputed, the person disputing the amount shall pay the amount requested by a proper authority.

(3) A person who refuses to pay the user charge requested by a proper authority shall be refused passage on Halifax Transit.

(4) The non-profit or charity user charge for 10 Tickets set out in section 9 shall only apply to single purchases of fifty (50) tickets or more when purchased by a non-profit or charity for the purposes of distributing free of charge.

(5) For greater certainty, nothing in this Schedule applies to chartered transit services by contract with the Municipality.

3. (1) Notwithstanding subsection 2(1), travel on Halifax Transit shall be free for the following:

(a) a child;

(aa) repealed;

(b) a senior between 10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and after 6:00 p.m. until end of service day on Tuesdays;

(c) a person with a CNIB identification card;

(d) an employee or retiree of Halifax Transit;

(e) a Halifax Regional Police officer in uniform;

(f) a personal care attendant when accompanying a registered Access-A-Bus user;
and

(g) on Remembrance Day, a person, and any accompanying family member, who is a veteran or current member of the armed forces and

(i) is in uniform, or

(ii) who presents an armed forces ID;

(h) repealed; ~~and~~

(i) a person using ~~conventional~~ transit under the Student Transit Pass Pilot Program; and

(j) a parking compliance officer in uniform.

(2) For greater certainty, where a person travels free on Halifax Transit under clauses (a) through (g) in subsection (1), that person shall not be required to pay an additional charge to use the Regional Express Service.

4. (1) Council, by resolution, or the CAO, may waive, in whole or in part, any user charge under this Schedule:

(a) for the following days,

- (i) Canada Day,
- (ii) Natal Day, or
- (iii) after 6 p.m. and until end of service on New Year's Eve;

(b) where, in the opinion of Council or the CAO, such a waiver would be beneficial to the Municipality;

(c) for up to one year for a refugee under the settlement support program or for a refugee claimant;

(d) for event volunteers and participants upon application by an event organizer; or

(e) for ticket holders for an event of no less than 100 participants where the Municipality and the event organizer have an agreement whereby the event organizer agrees to pay the Municipality no less than \$1.00 for every ticket sold to the event.

(2) The CAO may delegate the authority under subsection 1 of this section to the **Executive** Director of Halifax Transit.

4A. An agreement under this Schedule may be signed by the CAO or their designate on behalf of the Municipality.

4B. Notwithstanding section 2, where a charge has been waived under section 4, a person subject to such waiver shall not be required to pay an additional charge to travel on the Regional Express Service.

~~Low Income Transit Pass Program~~ **Affordable Access Transit Pass Program**

5. A person who meets the eligibility requirements of the ~~Low Income~~ **Affordable Access** Transit Pass Program as adopted by Council, by resolution, may apply to the program.

6. Council may, by resolution, set the number of **Affordable Access** Transit Passes available under the program.

7. ~~A Low Income~~ **An Affordable Access** Transit Pass shall be provided by the Municipality on a first come, first serve basis.

8. Meeting the eligibility requirements does not guarantee a person will receive ~~a Low Income an~~ **Affordable Access** Transit Pass.

8A. (1) The **Executive** Director of Transit or the Director designate shall set the program year for the ~~Low Income~~ **Affordable Access** Transit Pass Program.

(2) If the number of qualified applicants to the ~~Low Income~~ **Affordable Access** Transit Pass Program exceeds the number of ~~Low Income~~ **Affordable Access** Transit Passes available in the program year, a waiting list shall be created and names added as they are approved.

(3) The **Executive** Director of Transit or the Director designate may remove a person from the ~~Low Income~~ **Affordable Access** Transit Pass Program if:

(a) the person has not purchased ~~a Low Income an~~ **Affordable Access** Transit Pass for a period of six (6) consecutive months; and

(b) there is a waiting list.

(4) A person removed from the program in accordance with subsection 3, may apply to the program in the same program year and, if accepted into the program, the person shall be added to the waiting list.

Department of Community Services Pass

8B. The Province of Nova Scotia may purchase transit passes from Halifax Transit for distribution to Employment Support and Income Assistance clients.

8C. Repealed.

Student Transit Pass Pilot Program

8D. (1) A person who meets the eligibility requirements of the Student Transit Pass Pilot Program as adopted by Council, by resolution, may be placed in the program.

(2) Meeting the eligibility requirements does not guarantee a person will be placed in the Student Transit Pass Pilot Program.

(3) Subject to subsection (1), a person placed in the Student Transit Pass Pilot Program shall be provided a Student Transit Pass.

Housing and Homelessness

8E. (1) The Executive Director of Halifax Transit may provide fare products on a monthly basis for initiatives such Executive Director determines are related to housing or homelessness to a maximum monthly value equal to the user charge for seventy (70) Adult Monthly Passes.

(2) Council may, by resolution, increase or reduce the maximum monthly value under subsection (1).

(3) The passes or tickets shall not be provided to a for profit business or industry.

(4) A request for a Transit Pass or tickets does not guarantee a person will receive them.

(5) The Executive Director of Halifax Transit may, with the consent of the CAO, delegate, in whole or in part, the issuance of the Transit passes and tickets to one or more employees of the Municipality.

User Charges for Halifax Transit

9. The **user uses** charges for Halifax Transit shall be as follows:

CONVENTIONAL BUS, FERRY AND ACCESS-A-BUS	
Category	User Charge per person
Adult Cash	\$2.75
Senior or Youth Cash	\$2.00
10 Tickets Adult	\$24.75
10 Tickets Senior or Youth	\$18.00
10 Ticket Non-Profit or Charity (Adult)	\$12.38
10 Ticket Non-Profit or Charity (Senior or Youth)	\$9.00
Adult Monthly Pass	\$82.50
Adult Monthly Low Income Affordable Access Transit Pass	\$41.25
Senior or Youth Monthly Pass	\$60.00
Student Monthly Pass	\$50.00
Electronic Adult Day Pass	\$7.00
Electronic Senior or Youth Day Pass	\$5.00
Electronic Adult Two Day Pass	\$12.00
Electronic Senior or Youth Two Day Pass	\$9.00
Electronic Adult Weekly Pass (7-day)	\$23.00
Electronic Senior or Youth Weekly Pass (7-day)	\$17.00
Electronic Adult 20 Ride Pass	\$44.00
Electronic Senior or Youth 20 Ride Pass	\$32.00

UPASS			
Category	User Charge per person		
	2020	2021	2022
Fall Term (September to December)	\$80.50	\$81.70	\$82.95
Winter Term (January to April)	\$80.50	\$81.70	\$82.95
Extended Term (September to May)	\$180.00	\$182.70	\$185.44
Summer Term (May to August)	\$80.50	\$81.70	\$82.95

UPASS				
Category	User charge per student			
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Fall term (September to December)	\$82.95	\$84.19	\$85.45	\$86.75
Winter term (January to April)	\$82.95	\$84.19	\$85.45	\$86.75
Extended term (September to May)	\$185.44	\$188.22	\$191.00	\$193.90
Summer term (May to August)	\$82.95	\$84.19	\$85.45	\$86.75

REGIONAL EXPRESS	
Category	User Charge per person
Adult Cash	\$4.25
Senior or Youth Cash	\$3.00
Adult Monthly Pass	\$127.50
Adult Monthly Low Income Affordable Access Transit Pass	\$63.75
Senior or Youth Monthly Pass	\$90.00
Adult with: Ticket, Monthly Pass, UPass or transfer	\$1.50
Senior or Youth with: Ticket, Youth or Senior Monthly Pass, Student Monthly Pass, Student Transit Pass, or transfer	\$1.00

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES PASS	
Category	User Charge per person
Department of Community Services Monthly Pass	\$25.00

SMARTTRIP EPASS	
Category	User Charge per person
EPass for Adult	87.5% of the cost of 12 adult monthly passes

**HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
BY-LAW NUMBER U-114
RESPECTING USER CHARGES**

BE IT ENACTED by the Council of the Halifax Regional Municipality that Schedule 1 of By-law U-100, the *User Charges By-law*, is amended as follows:

1. Section 1 is amended by:
 - (a) adding the following clause immediately after clause 1(a):
 - (aa) “Affordable Access Transit Pass” means a transit pass issued under the Affordable Access Transit Pass Program;
 - (b) adding the following clause immediately after clause 1(da):
 - (db) “Executive Director” means the position determined by the CAO to be the head of a department of the Municipality, and who is accountable to the CAO under section 36 of the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*;
 - (c) repealing clause 1(f); and
 - (d) striking out the word “originaing” after the word “the” and before the word “route” in clause 1(n)(iii) and replacing it with the word “originating”.
2. Section 2 is amended by adding the following subsection after subsection (4):
 - (5) For greater certainty, nothing in this Schedule applies to chartered transit services by contract with the Municipality.
3. Section 3 is amended by:
 - (a) lettering the words that start with “Notwithstanding subsection 2(1)” as subsection (1);
 - (b) striking out the word “and” in clause 3(1)(h);
 - (c) striking out the word “conventional” after the word “using” and before the word “transit” in clause 3(1)(i);
 - (d) striking out the period and adding the semi-colon and word “; and” at the end of clause 3(1)(i);
 - (e) adding in the following clause after clause 3(1)(i):
 - (j) a parking compliance officer in uniform.
 - (f) adding the following subsection immediately after the newly created subsection (1):
 - (2) For greater certainty, where a person travels free on Halifax Transit under clauses (a) through (g) in subsection (1), that person shall not be required to pay an additional charge to use the Regional Express Service.
4. Section 4 is amended by adding the word “Executive” after the word “the” and before the word “Director” in subsection 4(2).

5. Adding the following section immediately after section 4A:
 - 4B. Notwithstanding section 2, where a charge has been waived under section 4, a person subject to such waiver shall not be required to pay an additional charge to travel on the Regional Express Service.
6. Striking out the heading “Low Income Transit Pass Program” and replacing it with the heading “Affordable Access Transit Pass Program”.
7. Section 5 is amended by striking out the words “Low Income” after the word “the” and before the word “Transit” and replacing them with the words “Affordable Access”.
8. Section 6 is amended by adding the words “Affordable Access” after the word “of” and before the word “Transit”.
9. Section 7 is amended by striking out the words “A Low Income” before the word “Transit” and replacing them with the words “An Affordable Access”.
10. Section 8 is amended by striking out the words “a Low Income” after the word “receive” and before the word “Transit” and replacing them with the words “an Affordable Access”.
11. Section 8A is amended by:
 - (a) adding the word “Executive” after the word “The” and before the word “Director” in subsection (1);
 - (b) striking out the words “Low Income” after the word “the” and before the word “Transit” and replacing them with the words “Affordable Access” in subsection (1);
 - (c) striking out the words “Low Income” after the word “the” and before the word “Transit” and replacing them with the words “Affordable Access” in subsection (2);
 - (d) striking out the words “Low Income” after the word “of” and before the word “Transit” and replacing them with the words “Affordable Access” in subsection (2);
 - (e) adding the word “Executive” after the word “The” and before the word “Director” in subsection (3);
 - (f) striking out the words “Low Income” after the word “the” and before the word “Transit” and replacing them with the words “Affordable Access” in subsection (3); and
 - (g) striking out the words “a Low Income” after the word “purchased” and before the word “Transit” and replacing them with the words “an Affordable Access” in clause (3)(a).
12. Adding the following section after section 8D:

Housing and Homelessness

8E. (1) The Executive Director of Halifax Transit may provide fare products for initiatives such Executive Director determines are related to housing or homelessness to a maximum monthly value equal to the user charge for seventy (70) Adult Monthly Passes.

(2) Council may, by resolution, increase or reduce the maximum monthly value under subsection (1).

(3) The passes or tickets shall not be provided to a for profit business or industry.

(4) A request for a Transit Pass or tickets does not guarantee a person will receive them.

(5) The Executive Director of Halifax Transit may, with the consent of the CAO, delegate, in whole or in part, the issuance of the Transit passes and tickets to one or more employees of the Municipality.

13. Section 9 is amended by striking out the word “uses” after the word “The” and before the word “charges” and replacing it with the word “user”.

14. The table “CONVENTIONAL BUS, FERRY AND ACCESS-A-BUS” in section 9 is amended by striking out the words “Low Income” after the word “Monthly” and before the word “Transit” and replacing them with the words “Affordable Access” in the row starting with “Adult Monthly Low Income”.

15. Repealing the table “UPASS” in section 9 and replacing it with the following table:

UPASS				
Category	User charge per student			
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Fall term (September to December)	\$82.95	\$84.19	\$85.45	\$86.75
Winter term (January to April)	\$82.95	\$84.19	\$85.45	\$86.75
Extended term (September to May)	\$185.44	\$188.22	\$191.00	\$193.90
Summer term (May to August)	\$82.95	\$84.19	\$85.45	\$86.75

16. The table “REGIONAL EXPRESS” in section 9 is amended by:

- (a) striking out the words “Low Income” after the word “Monthly” and before the word “Transit” and replacing them with the words “Affordable Access” in the row starting with “Adult Monthly Low Income”; and
- (b) adding the words and comma “Student Monthly Pass,” after the words and comma “Youth or Senior Monthly Pass,” and before the words “Student Transit Pass” in the row starting with “Senior or Youth with”.

Done and passed in Council this day of , 2023.

MAYOR

MUNICIPAL CLERK

I, Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk of the Halifax Regional Municipality, hereby certify that the above-noted By-law was passed at a meeting of Halifax Regional Council held on _____, 2023.

Iain MacLean, Municipal Clerk