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ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 4

The Community and Health Services Committee recommends receipt of Report No. 4 of the Accessibility Advisory Committee dated September 22, 2010, and adoption of the following recommendation contained within:

THAT the Community and Health Services Committee recommend to Council that it support the City of Kingston's motion to request that the Provincial Government declare all parallel transit an essential service (*Council Attachment 1*).

(A copy of Report No. 4 of the Accessibility Advisory Committee and Council Attachment 1 referred to in this clause are attached to this report.)

June 25, 2010

Mr. Vito Spatafora
Chair, Accessibility Advisory Committee
Regional Councillor
Town of Richmond Hill
c/o 35 Rosegarden Crescent
Richmond Hill, ON L4C 4X3

Dear Regional Councillor Spatafora:

Re: Declaration of Parallel Transit as Essential Service

Regional Council, at its meeting held on Thursday, June 24, 2010, adopted the recommendation of the Transportation Services Committee that a communication, dated May 19, 2010, from John Bolognone, Acting City Clerk, City of Kingston, regarding Declaration of Parallel Transit as Essential Service, be received and referred to staff as well as the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Please find attached a copy of the Declaration of Parallel Transit as Essential Service.

Sincerely,

Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk

B. Bridle
Attachment

Copy to: K. Llewellyn-Thomas, Commissioner of Transportation Services



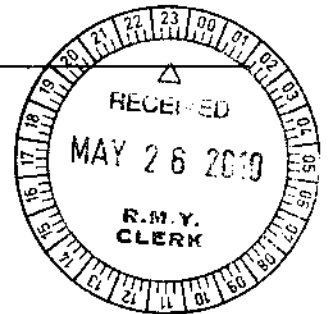
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May 19, 2010

To: All municipalities with population over 50,000



RE: DECLARATION OF PARALLEL TRANSIT AS ESSENTIAL SERVICE

I would confirm that Kingston City Council, at its regular Council meeting held on May 18, 2010, approved the following resolution, being Clause 1., Report No. 76:

1. **WHEREAS** the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee (MAAC) recommends solutions to deal with the provision of goods and services as defined within the City Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee mandate; and,
WHEREAS the City of Kingston has publicly committed to accessibility for all its citizens; and,
WHEREAS the City of Kingston operates Kingston Transit buses for its residents; and,
WHEREAS Kingston Access Services operates buses as a parallel transit to Kingston Transit for disabled residents; and,
WHEREAS the Access Bus is the only option for transportation for most people with disabilities; and,
WHEREAS accessibility to parallel transit was denied to citizens during the recent access bus strike;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee (MAAC) request that City Council approve the following motion, and that a copy of the following motion be forwarded to the Premier Dalton McGuinty, Hon. John Gerretsen, M.P.P. for Kingston and the Islands, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all municipalities with a population of over 50,000, requesting that they also request the Provincial Government to declare all parallel transit an essential service:
WHEREAS the Access Bus is the only option for transportation for most people with disabilities; and,
WHEREAS accessibility to parallel transit was denied to citizens during a recent access bus strike;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council request the Provincial Government to declare all parallel transit an essential service.

CARRIED

Yours truly,

John Bolognone
Acting City Clerk

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Cc: C. Beach, Commissioner, Sustainability & Growth
H. Linscott, Director, Legal Services
G. Wallace, Director, Planning & Development Services
J. Amini, Committee Clerk (MAAC)

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