

**CITY OF VAUGHAN**

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2015**

Item 20, Report No. 44, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on December 15, 2015.

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**TRANSIT FARES FOR SENIORS IN YORK REGION**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following resolution submitted by Regional Councillor Di Biase dated December 1, 2015:**

**Member's Resolution**

Submitted by Regional and Local Councillor, Deputy Mayor Michael Di Biase

York Region's senior population is growing. It is important to support the health and well-being of seniors in York Region so they can lead healthy, active lives and stay involved in their communities. One way to do this is to provide seniors with more affordable transit options.

**Whereas**, seniors have made significant contributions to our community and it is important to recognize this contribution

**Whereas**, many seniors in our community live on a fixed income

**Whereas**, York Region has established a Seniors Advisory Task Force of Council to explore opportunities to improve support to seniors

**Whereas**, municipalities in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area such as Oakville, Mississauga and Hamilton are offering further discounts or free transit to seniors during select days/times of the week

**Whereas**, York Region Transit staff are currently developing a comprehensive Transit Fare Strategy with completion expected in late 2016

***Therefore be it resolved:***

1. That the Regional Municipality of York be requested to report back to Regional Council the details of an updated transit fare strategy in May 2016 which includes recommendations with respect to opportunities for provision of free transit for seniors or options for a higher level of subsidy for fares for seniors; and
2. That staff forward the above resolution to the Regional Municipality of York.

**Attachments**

Attachment 1 - Hamilton HSR Senior Annual and Golden Age Pass Programs

Attachment 2 -Email with Letter Attachment from Alu Chen on behalf of Senior Association of Ward 2, York Region

(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)