

MOTION ON NOTICE

2. #AllOnBoard Campaign

Submitted by: Councillor Swanson

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver has recognized and has demonstrated over the past years its commitment to the health and well-being of its residents, and lack of transportation is one of the most common reasons for missing medical appointments and a significant barrier to social inclusion and labour market inclusion for low income adults and youth;
2. The #AllOnBoard Campaign, concerned agencies in Vancouver and throughout Metro Vancouver, and directly impacted youth and adult community members have brought to the attention of the City of Vancouver the direct harm that is brought to them through the bad credit ratings they develop due to fare evasion ticketing. Those living below the poverty line have brought forward that they cannot afford to pay the \$173 fines received individually, or the resulting accrued 'TransLink debt' from many unpaid fines;
3. The City of Vancouver and other municipalities contribute to charities and non-profits which then out of necessity subsidize transit tickets for those who cannot afford to access crucial social services provided by the City of Vancouver and other municipalities, and many pay off 'TransLink debt' and fare evasion fines to TransLink and external collection agencies.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. THAT the City of Vancouver endorse the #AllOnBoard Campaign; the City write a letter to the TransLink Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation, the Board of Directors of TransLink, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction asking TransLink to work with the provincial government to finalize and secure funding, and develop a plan that will provide free public transit for minors (aged 0-18), and reduced price transit based on a sliding scale using the Market Basket Measure for all low-income people regardless of their demographic profile as soon as possible.
- B. THAT the City write a separate letter to the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation asking them to 1) require TransLink adopt a poverty reduction/equity mandate in order to address the outstanding issue of lack of affordability measures to ensure those who need public transit the most can access the essential service, and 2) to request the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation and TransLink immediately and without delay amend existing by-laws and cease ticketing all minors for fare evasion as the first step towards the full implementation of free transit for children and youth 0-18, unlink ICBC from fare evasion for youth and adults, cease ticketing adults.
- C. THAT the resolution regarding support for the #AllOnBoard Campaign be forwarded for consideration at the 2019 Lower Mainland Local Government

Association (LMLGA) convention and subsequent Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) convention.

- D. THAT the #AllOnBoard forthcoming research report containing evidence and testimonies in support of the #AllOnBoard Campaign be included in the submission to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) once available.

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