

Regional Transit Service Commission Update

Report Purpose

To provide Council with an update on the Regional Transit Service Commission (RTSC).

Motion 2018/289

THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the Regional Commuter Service Phase Implementation Plan; and

THAT Councillor Botterill and Councillor Anderson be appointed as the Elected Representatives for Strathcona County to the Regional Transit Transition Team, both terms to commence effective as of the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding and ending at the sooner of the 2019 Council Organizational Meeting or the creation of the Regional Transit Services Commission by provincial regulation, and provided that the appointees continue to serve as Councillors throughout the terms of appointment.

Recommendation to amend something previously adopted

THAT motion 2018/289 be amended by deleting the words "Elected Representatives for Strathcona County" and replacing them with the words "Elected Representative and Alternate, respectively, for Strathcona County".

Motion as Amended

THAT Councillor Botterill and Councillor Anderson be appointed as the **Elected Representative and Alternate, respectively**, for Strathcona County to the Regional Transit Transition Team, both terms to commence effective as of the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding and ending at the sooner of the 2019 Council Organizational Meeting or the creation of the Regional Transit Services Commission by provincial regulation, and provided that the appointees continue to serve as Councillors throughout the terms of appointment.

Our Prioritized Strategic Goals

Goal 1 - Build strong communities to support the diverse needs of residents

Goal 5 - Foster collaboration through regional, community and governmental partnerships

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On July 17, 2018, Council approved a motion to sign onto the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to join Phase 2 of the Regional Commuter Service Phase Implementation Plan. Council then appointed Councillors Botterill and Anderson to sit as the County's representatives on the RTSC Transition Team. On October 11, 2018, Mayor Frank, along with the other 12 Mayors of the Edmonton Metropolitan Region, signed onto the MOU.

The inaugural meeting of the RTSC Transition Team was held on January 17, 2019. In that meeting the Transition Team endorsed a Terms of Reference (TOR) that set out the structure for the group, procedures and decision making. The TOR also clarified Transition Team membership, from what was identified in the MOU, to include one elected official, plus an alternate to assume responsibilities in their absence, and the Mayor from each municipality as ex-officio, non-voting members.

February 2019, a consultant was selected through a RFP process to work with the Transition Team to complete Phase 2 – the establishment and transition phase of the Regional Commuter Service Phase Implementation Plan. Ernst and Young (EY) was the successful proponent and were introduced to the Transition Team at their second meeting on February 21, 2019. EY provided an overview of their team, proposed approach, and project requirements to meet the October 2019 deadline. A Working Team, comprising administrative representatives from six member municipalities, was requested for information gathering and work plan development over the subsequent five weeks. Wade Coombs, Director, Transit, will serve on the Working Team for Strathcona County, with support from Nancy Lyzaniwski, Manager, Intergovernmental Affairs.

Overall, the project is broken into two phases. The first phase will be gathering and cataloging all existing current information sources, and to develop the scope of work and detail a project plan for Phase 2. Phase 1 proposed timeline is about five weeks.

The purpose of Phase 2 will be to execute on the scope of work and ultimately create the RTSC master plan (operational framework), meeting relevant requirements for a successful submission under the MGA regulation to form a regional services commission. Phase 2 proposed timeline is about six months and to be completed no later than October 2019.

Council and Committee History

July 17, 2018	Council approved the following: THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the Regional Commuter Service Phase Implementation Plan; and THAT Councillor Botterill and Councillor Anderson be appointed as the Elected Representatives for Strathcona County to the Regional Transit Transition Team, both terms to commence effective as of the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding and ending at the sooner of the 2019 Council Organizational Meeting or the creation of the Regional Transit Services Commission by provincial regulation, and provided that the appointees continue to serve as Councillors throughout the terms of appointment.
May 8, 2018	Council received an update on the discussions taking place between the cities of Edmonton and St. Albert.
January 23, 2018	Council received an update on the discussions taking place between the cities of Edmonton and St. Albert.
September 9, 2014	Council formally endorsed Administration's response to the Capital Region Board regarding the Inter-Municipal Transit Study.

Other Impacts

Policy: N/A

Legislative/Legal: N/A

Interdepartmental: Participation in a Regional Transit Commission could impact Fleet Services and Strathcona County Transit.

Master Plan/Framework: N/A

Communication Plan

The County will communicate these appointments to the Chair of the RTSC Transition Team.

Enclosure

- 1 Presentation - to be distributed at the meeting