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TTC Board Meeting:

Please do not consider an across the board fare reductions for seniors. It is grossly unfair that those seniors who can afford paying a full fare are being subsidized at the fare box by persons on ODSP and OW and the working poor who pay full fare. I, myself, am a senior and I have a son on ODSP. Why does his fare subsidize me when I earn many times his income through my pensions? Instead of giving ALL seniors a further discount, please step up plans to have a reduced fare for riders on low incomes (including seniors).

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To the Chair and Members of the TTC Board

Re: Item 10: A Motion Requesting Consideration of a \$1 Seniors' Fare

As a retiree who regularly rides the TTC system at all times of the day and evening, I appreciate the suggestion to charge me only \$1 to ride during the off-peak hours.

However, I really don't need this help. The current ticket price of \$1.90 is valid at any time, and is quite affordable for me and my husband.

The new low-price ticket should not be age-based at all. Not all students have to prove their age, to get their concessionary fare, and they are not limited in their travel times.

You should consider helping all those on low incomes, like recipients of Ontario Works payments or those on GIS pensions, who can produce evidence of their need. Travelling cheaply only in the off-peak hours is not helpful when people have jobs to go to, however low-paying, day-care to get to, or medical appointments to attend.

Some people in need of low fares are homeless with extremely limited incomes from pan-handling or charitable assistance – they need help too.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Carolyn Johnson', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Carolyn Johnson