



Notice of Motion

Safe Ridership

Moved by: **Commissioner** Shelley Carroll

Seconded by: **Commissioner** Brad Bradford

Summary

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on transit systems across the world. Ridership and revenue fell to new lows, pressuring service providers like the TTC to make the difficult decision to reduce service and its own workforce.

As we have moved through the province's re-opening Stages, we have seen ridership on the TTC grow. As a result, issues with crowding and concerns about health and safety are becoming more frequent. With more people returning to work and school, it's critical that riders and residents have faith that the TTC remains a safe and reliable mode of transportation.

The latest ridership numbers have climbed to almost 50% of pre-COVID ridership on buses, with the system likely to exceed 50% in the coming weeks as schools and offices re-open.

Given that recalling laid-off staff can take weeks, the TTC Board should act now to ensure everything possible is done to reduce crowding and increase confidence in the system.

Recommendation

1. Direct the Chief Executive Officer to recall the remaining 300 laid off staff and increase service to pre-COVID levels.
2. Direct the Chief Executive Officer to expedite the implementation of any other operational measures that might maximize passenger capacity with consideration to safety and public health guidelines.

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