

2009 MAY 25 - MOTION NOT PUT (SEE EXPLANATION NOTE BELOW)**

MOTION PUT FORWARD BY ALDERMEN CONNELLY & STEVENSON

NM2009-27 – PARK & RIDE FEES

WHEREAS Council recently approved daily parking fees at all Transit Park & Ride facilities to provide a revenue stream for enhanced maintenance and security for transit facilities;

AND WHEREAS from the time that Council adopted the budget, the economic downturn has created additional financial hardship for many Calgarians who rely on Calgary Transit;

AND WHEREAS the level of Transit service provided to new communities is based on ridership and many of these new communities do not as yet have adequate transit service levels, especially for individuals who rely on transit service as their primary source for commuting to and from work;

AND WHEREAS two major LRT lines are currently in the planning stages and once operational, will provide both capacity and an enhanced feeder bus system to ultimately provide excellent public transportation and the preferred option to daily commuters to both established and new communities in new transit markets;

AND WHEREAS feeder bus service to LRT stations and BRT terminals is a necessary component of a well-utilized and successful public transportation network;

AND WHEREAS some Calgarians do not find it equitable to pay for parking at BRT terminals relative to LRT station parking lots;

AND WHEREAS Calgary Transit is conducting a pilot project for reserved parking at the Fish Creek / Lacombe LRT Park & Ride Lot that is not in line with the daily parking fee;

AND WHEREAS transit users have security expectations beyond what Calgary Transit has been able to provide with the extra revenue collected from the Park & Ride fee;

AND WHEREAS communities adjacent to transit parking facilities are experiencing parking management problems that have resulted from commuters who choose not to utilize public parking to avoid daily parking fees;

AND WHEREAS Calgarians recognize the inherent economic value of this amenity;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the daily fee for parking at Calgary Transit Park & Ride lots be reduced immediately from \$3.00 to \$1.00;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Administration provide a report to Council through the SPC on Finance and Corporate Services by 2009 July to identify alternative funding sources to address the shortfall resulting from the reduced fee, including the Fiscal Stability Reserve;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Administration develop a comprehensive Parking Facility fee strategy with a timeline to implement concurrent with the opening of either the West LRT or NE LRT expansion, whichever is later, that includes a community parking management strategy, an equitable fee structure that addresses reserved parking, fee for parking vehicles, bicycles, enclosed parking structures, surface paved lots and unpaved lots and report to Council through the SPC on Land Use, Planning & Transportation by 2009 December.

****NOTE: IN ORDER FOR NM2009-27 TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL, A PREVIOUS COUNCIL DECISION HAD TO BE RECONSIDERED – THE FOLLOWING RECONSIDERATION MOTION WAS DEFEATED, THEREFORE NM2009-27 WAS NOT PUT.**

RECONSIDER, Moved by Alderman Stevenson, Seconded by Alderman Connelly,

That Council reconsider its decision contained in the Minutes of the 2008 November 17 Special Meeting of Council on the following portion of the Purposed Operating Budget in Program 110: Growth/Level of Service:

- To assist in offsetting the cost of some of the initiatives, implement a daily parking fee of \$3 at LRT Park 'N' Ride lots in 2009: revenue (\$8.925 million) partially offset by expenditures (\$2.925 million)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

For: Aldermen Hawkesworth, Jones, Mar, McIver, Stevenson, Chabot and Connelly
Against: Aldermen Lowe, Pincott, Ceci, Farrell, Fox-Mellway and Mayor Bronconnier

MOTION LOST (8 Affirmative Votes Required For Reconsideration)