



**Council Member Motion**  
**For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 20, 2019**

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**Date:** June 13, 2019

**From:** Councillor Isitt, Councillor Dubow and Councillor Loveday

**Subject:** Fare-Free Public Transit for Young People

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**Background:**

The City of Victoria and the Victoria Regional Transit Commission have taken the progressive step of approving the elimination of user fees for public transit in the autumn of 2019 for young people who are resident in the City of Victoria. Implementation of this policy is contemplated as occurring primarily through the public school system, with access to transit becoming a new benefit for people in possession of a student card distributed by the Greater Victoria School District.

In order to ensure that all youth have access to this service, including youth who may not be enrolled in a formal program of education or who are enrolled in alternate educational programs, it is recommended that Council provide direction to staff to ensure that all residents of the city who are under the age of 19 have access to a pass for fare-free public transit, to avoid the risk of discrimination against residents on the basis of socioeconomic status, immigration status or educational status.

**Recommendation:**

That Council directs staff to ensure that all residents of the City of Victoria who are under the age of 19 will have access to a pass for fare-free public transit no later than November 30, 2019, including provision of a City of Victoria service pass ("VicPass") or a similar mechanism for youth who may not be enrolled in a formal program of education or who may be enrolled in an alternate program of education.

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Isitt

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Councillor Dubow

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Councillor Loveday