

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: A. McBeath, Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: Student Transportation Fees for 2004-2005
ORIGINATOR: A. Habinski, Executive Director, School and District Services
RESOURCE
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RECOMMENDATION

That the following schedule of monthly bus pass fees for the 2004-2005 school year be approved, to be effective August 2004.

<u>A. Edmonton Transit Passes</u>	<u>Fees:</u>	
	Current 2003-04	Proposed 2004-05
Kindergarten & Elementary (in neighbourhoods where schools have not been built)	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.00
Kindergarten & Elementary (new students in neighbourhoods where schools have been closed)	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.00
Elementary Special Needs	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.00
Elementary	\$ 22.00	\$ 24.00
Junior High	\$ 22.00	\$ 24.00
Senior High	\$ 22.00	\$ 24.00
 <u>B. Charter Yellow Bus</u>		
i) Regular:		
Kindergarten & Elementary (in rural areas and neighbourhoods where schools have not been built)	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.00
Kindergarten & Elementary (new students in neighbourhoods where schools have been closed)	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.00
Elementary Special Needs	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.00
Elementary	\$ 22.00	\$ 24.00

Junior High (student attends same school as was attended in elementary)	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.00
Junior High	\$ 22.00	\$ 24.00
Senior High	\$ 22.00	\$ 24.00

ii) Alternative Programs:		
Kindergarten & Elementary		
1st child	\$ 39.00	\$ 42.00
2nd child	\$ 39.00	\$ 42.00
Family Maximum:	\$ 98.00	\$ 100.00
iii) Special Needs Curb:		
Elementary	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.00
Junior	\$ 22.00	\$ 24.00
Senior High	\$ 22.00	\$ 24.00
iv) Conditional Ridership		
	\$ 39.00	\$ 42.00

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If this recommendation is approved, student transportation fees will increase for the 2004-2005 school year. The recommended fee schedule for the 2004-2005 school year will generate \$5,528,000. This revenue, along with provincial funding of \$17,273,000 and \$356,000 from the 2003-2004 projected carry forward surplus, will balance with the projected 2004-2005 transportation expenditure of \$23,157,000.

Background

The extent to which student transportation fees increase or decrease annually is dependent on:

1. the level of provincial funding,
2. expenditures related to the district's cost of purchasing Edmonton Transit student bus passes from the city,
3. the number of students purchasing public transit passes,
4. the number of students and type of programs supported by yellow bus service, and
5. the cost of school bus contracts.

Costs have been steadily increasing over the past year with the addition of six new buses to alleviate over-crowded buses and to reduce ride times for routes that were excessively long. The district experienced an increase of 215 special needs students requiring transportation, an additional 350 students riding Edmonton Transit. Student Transportation is also now managing the transportation for Elves Child Development Centre. Plans are in place to maximize the current fleet of buses without adding more in the coming year. The carry forward surplus for 2004-2005 is reduced from \$1,243,042 in 2003-2004 to \$356,000 in 2004-2005.

As a result of successful negotiations with the bus contractors, the yellow bus contract rates will increase 1 percent and Edmonton Transit monthly bus passes for students will increase on September 1, 2004 from \$41.00 to \$42.00.

The projected revenue includes a provincial grant rate increase of 2 percent effective in the 2004-2005 school year.

Appendix I shows the history of monthly student transportation fees from 1995-96 to the fees proposed for the 2004-05 school year. Appendix III shows a comparison of transportation fees for surrounding school jurisdictions.

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APPENDIX I - History of Monthly Student Transportation Fees

APPENDIX II - History of Average Carrier Rates

APPENDIX III - Comparison of Transportation Fees from Surrounding School Jurisdictions

APPENDIX IV - Projected Revenue with Bus Pass Increase for 2004/2005 School Year

APPENDIX V - Revenue and Expenditure Statement

HISTORY OF MONTHLY STUDENT TRANSPORTATION FEES

										Proposed
Edmonton Transit Passes	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-2004	2004-05
Kindergarten & Elementary (in neighbourhoods where schools have not been built)	\$9.00	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$7.00
Kindergarten & Elementary (in neighbourhoods where school have been closed)	Free	Free	\$9.75	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$7.00
Elementary Special Needs	\$9.00	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$7.00
Elementary	\$13.00	\$13.75	\$20.00	\$13.00	\$24.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$24.00
Junior High	\$13.00	\$13.75	\$22.00	\$13.00	\$24.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$24.00
Senior High	\$13.00	\$13.75	\$23.00	\$13.00	\$24.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$24.00
Charter Yellow Bus										
Regular Programs:										
Kindergarten & Elementary (in neighbourhoods where schools have not been built)	\$9.00	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$7.00
Kindergarten & Elementary (in neighbourhoods where schools have been closed)	Free	Free	\$9.75	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$ 6.00	\$7.00
Elementary Special Needs	\$9.00	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$ 6.00	\$7.00
Elementary	\$13.00	\$13.75	\$20.00	\$13.00	\$24.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$ 2.00	\$24.00
Junior High	\$13.00	\$13.75	\$24.00	\$13.00	\$24.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$24.00
Senior High	\$13.00	\$13.75	\$25.00	\$13.00	\$24.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$24.00
Alternative Programs:										
Kindergarten & Elementary										
1st child	\$36.00	\$36.75	\$44.00	\$32.00	\$40.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$39.00	\$42.00
2nd child	\$36.00	\$36.75	\$44.00	\$32.00	\$40.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$39.00	\$42.00
Family Maximum	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$100.00	\$80.00	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$ 3.00	\$100.00
Special Needs Curb:										
Elementary	\$9.00	\$9.75	\$9.75	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$7.00
Junior High	\$13.00	\$13.75	\$24.00	\$13.00	\$24.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$24.00
Senior High	\$13.00	\$13.75	\$25.00	\$13.00	\$24.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$24.00
Conditional Ridership	\$36.00	\$36.75	\$44.00	\$32.00	\$40.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$39.00	\$42.00

HISTORY OF AVERAGE CARRIER RATES

YEAR	AM/PM rate per route per day	Difference prev. year	Noon Kindergarten rate per route per day	Difference prev. year	Special rate per student per day	Difference prev. year	Wheelchair
1994-1995	\$110.91				\$9.56		
1995-1996	\$106.53	-3.90%	\$37.91		\$8.87	-7.20%	
1996-1997	\$108.53	1.90%	\$38.91	2.60%	\$9.07	2.30%	
1997-1998	\$132.16	21.80%	\$39.86	2.40%	\$10.68	17.60%	
1998-1999	\$135.74	2.70%	\$39.18	-1.70%	\$10.85	1.60%	
1999-2000	\$135.74	0.00%	\$42.38	8.17%	\$11.06	1.90%	
2000-2001	\$146.56	7.90%	\$42.25	-0.03%	\$13.14	18.80%	
2001-2002	\$145.17	-0.95%	\$42.85	1.43%	\$14.06	7.00%	
2002-2003	\$151.68	4.48%	\$48.00	12.01%	\$15.76	12.90%	
2003-2004	\$149.17	-1.65%	\$48.62	1.29%	\$16.18	2.66%	
2004-2005	\$150.66	1.00%	\$49.10	1.00%	\$16.35	1.00%	\$22.50

COMPARISON OF TRANSPORTATION FEES FROM SURROUNDING SCHOOL JURISDICTIONS

	FEES - YELLOW						FEES - TRANSIT			BOUNDARIES
	Elem.	Jr. High	Sr. High	Choice	Spec Needs	Parent Prov.	Elem.	Jr. High	Sr. High	
2004/2005 Proposed	Per month						Per month			
Edmonton Public	\$7	\$24	\$24	\$42 \$100 maximum	\$7	\$7/day	\$7	\$24	\$24	Open
2004-2005	Per month						Per month			
Edmonton Catholic	\$17	\$21	\$21	Same as elem, jr. high & sr. high	Same as elem, jr. high & sr. high	\$7/day	\$17	\$21	\$21	Open
2004/2005	K-Free, Grade1-12 \$80/year						No transit			Closed
St. Albert Catholic										
2004-2005	K-Free, Grade 1-12 \$110/year						No transit			Closed
St. Albert Prot.										
2003/2004	Free if greater than 2.4 km Less than 2.4 km - K - \$80/yr Gr. 1-6 - \$150/yr Family Max \$200						Eligible - Free \$32.00/mo			Ineligible Open
Elk Island Catholic										
2003/2004	Free if greater than 2.4km \$150/yr 1.6-2.3 km \$280/yr 1.0-1.6 km Maximum \$700 Family						Eligible - Free \$32/month			Ineligible
Elk Island Public										

PROJECTED REVENUE WITH BUS PASS INCREASE FOR 2004/2005 SCHOOL YEAR

Service	Grade	2003-04 Fee	# of Students as at 12/31/03	2004-05 Fee	Revenue	
Regular	K - 6	\$ 6.00	1717	\$ 7.00	\$ 120,190.00	
	7 - 12	\$ 22.00	694	\$ 24.00	\$ 166,560.00	
Alternative Program	K - 6	\$ 39.00	1241	\$ 42.00	\$ 521,220.00	
Awasis	K - 6	Free		Free		
Curb Service	K - 6	\$ 6.00	2444	\$ 7.00	\$ 171,080.00	
	7 - 12	\$ 22.00	800	\$ 24.00	\$ 192,000.00	
City Centre	K - 9	Free	116	Free		
ETS	K - 6	\$ 6.00	650	\$ 7.00	\$ 45,500.00	
	7 - 12	\$ 22.00	17352	\$ 24.00	\$ 4,164,000.00	
Conditional	K - 12	\$ 39.00	350	\$ 42.00	\$ 147,000.00	
					\$ 5,528,000.00	
					From \$6 to \$7	16.7% Increase
					From \$22 to \$24	9% Increase
					From \$39 to \$42	7.7% Increase
					From \$39 to \$42 Conditional Ridership	7.7% Increase

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

	2003-2004 Projected Revenue	2004-2005 Projected Revenue	Explanation of Increased Revenue/Expenditure
Carry Forward	\$1,243,000.00	\$356,000.00	
Bus Pass Revenue	\$5,497,000.00	\$5,528,000.00	\$1, \$2 & \$3 Increase in Fees as recommended
SFPF Transportation Funding	\$16,910,000.00	\$17,273,000.00	
Additional Amount after final student count	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	\$23,650,000.00	\$23,157,000.00	
TOTAL	\$23,650,000.00	\$23,157,000.00	
	2003-2004 Projected Expenditure	2004-2005 Projected Expenditure	
Salaries & Benefits	\$582,000.00	\$623,000.00	
Supplies, Equipment, Services			
Fixed Routes	\$4,991,000.00	\$4,924,000.00	1% in Carrier Rates
ETS Passes	\$7,682,000.00	\$7,518,000.00	\$1.00 Increase in Transit Fee and 500 less students
Curb Service	\$8,597,000.00	\$8,683,000.00	1% in Carrier Rates
Parent Provided	\$1,030,000.00	\$983,000.00	
Reimbursement to Schools for Administering Bus Passes	\$136,000.00	\$150,000.00	
Other S.E.S.	\$78,000.00	\$78,000.00	
Internal Services	\$198,000.00	\$198,000.00	
	\$23,294,000.00	\$23,157,000.00	
Surplus/Deficit	\$356,000.00	\$0.00	
Projected Expenditure Increase over 2003-2004		-\$137,000.00	