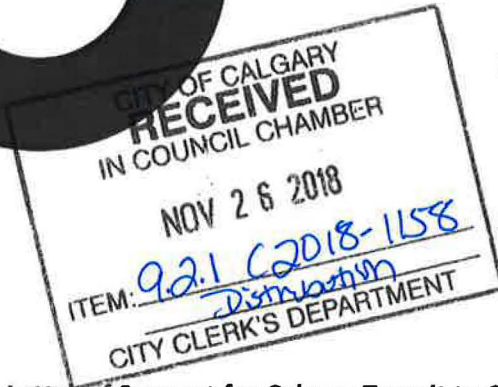




Fair Calgary Community Voices

'Affordable transportation for all'

November 24th, 2018



RE: Letter of Support for Calgary Transit to Continue Sliding Fee Scale

Fair Calgary Community Voices (FCCV) wishes to extend our support for Calgary Transit's request to maintain the current sliding scale fare structure for 2019. We wanted to also update you on our efforts talking with the Province and other stakeholders who support the sliding scale.

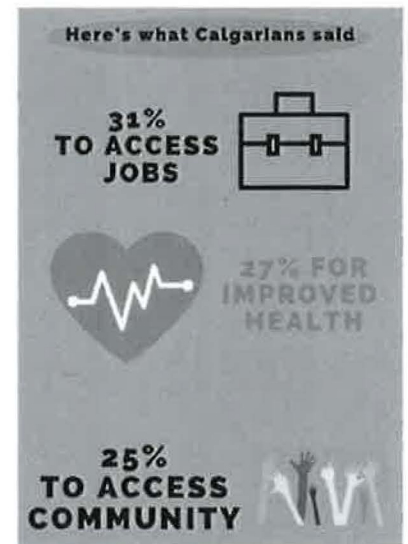
Fair Calgary Community Voices continues to meet with the Province to ensure the provincial funding is renewed past 2019. We recently met with Finance Minister Joe Ceci who recognizes the benefits of the sliding scale to Calgarians. Minister Ceci stated the Province is at the table and ready to work with the City on how to continue the funding beyond 2019 as part of the City Charter discussions.

We also recently met with the Union Vice-President of the Transit Union Local 583, who also supports the Sliding Scale Fee Scale. He believes one of the reasons Calgary Transit drivers experience fewer assaults due to fair disputes than their counterparts in other cities is because of the sliding scale.

Fair Calgary Community Voices applauds our city for its forward thinking. At the recent Canadians Urban Transit Union conference, Calgary was nationally recognized for sliding scale's design to ensure all citizens can access transit. Conversations in Edmonton and Winnipeg about affordable transportation are looking to Calgary as an example. We were encouraged by our recent postcard campaign where the top 3 reasons people use the discounted transit pass was to access jobs, improve health and access community.

Sincerely,

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