Date: January 31, 2006

To: Mary Gallagher, Co-Ordinator of Council and Committee of the Whole

From: Ida Bedioui, Legislative Assistant

Subject: Provincial Gas Tax Transit Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting held January 18, 2006

Please be advised that the Provincial Gas Tax Transit Master Plan Steering Committee, at its meeting held January 18, 2006, considered the proposed Transit Fare Increase and recommends the following to Committee of the Whole:

1. Consideration of a Transit Fare Increase (PW05125) (City Wide) (Referred from Committee of the Whole)

   (a) That the transit fare not be increased in 2006.

   (b) That an increase in the transit budget be addressed through the tax levy by exploring a change in the City’s area rating policy that would see a gradual elimination of the tax differences between the former municipalities.

   (c) That as the tax equalization takes place, it be accompanied by an increase in the service level provided in the conventional transit service area.

Yours truly,

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Provincial Gas Tax Transit Master Plan Steering Committee