SUBJECT: Redeemer University College - University Transit Pass Agreement Contract Extension (PW06098) - (City Wide)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute the University Transit Pass Extension Agreement between Redeemer Student Senate, Redeemer College University, and the City for the period May 1, 2006, to April 30, 2007.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The University Transit Pass Agreement between the Redeemer Student Senate, Redeemer University College, and the City expired on April 30, 2006. In order to extend the Agreement, a further Extension Agreement is required. The Extension Agreement is for a further term of one year, sets out the terms of renewal, and essentially confirms all previously agreed to conditions within the existing Agreement.

Approval of the recommendation to this report will provide necessary authorization to execute the Extension Agreement in time to renew the program for September 1, 2006.

BACKGROUND:

The City maintains University Transit Pass Agreements with the Redeemer College University and the Redeemer Student Senate (RSS). At the request of the RSS, the existing Agreement was for a one year term ending April 30, 2006, with provision for
extension of the Agreement at the discretion of City Council. The parties to the Agreement now wish to execute the necessary extension to maintain the program.

The structure of the RUC agreement was initially approved through Committee of the Whole Report 01-030, adopted by Council on October 2, 2001. The existing agreement and fee structure for the program at Redeemer University College (RUC) is similar to that resulting from the recommendations of the McMaster University Bus Pass Program(s) Task Force established by Council in 2004, such recommendations being approved by Council under Report PW05057. The Agreement with RUC and the Redeemer Student Senate (RSS) also provides for terms of a closed door shuttle service that connects the University to regular HSR bus routes; the rate charged to RUC and the RSS for the shuttle service remains at that rate established within the previous Agreement resulting from Council’s decision not to increase fares in 2006.

**ANALYSIS/RATIONALE:**

Extension of the Agreement with the RUC and the RSS will maintain a University Transit Pass program that is essentially the same as that maintained with McMaster University and participating student bodies at that institution.

**ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION:**

Council could choose to impose new terms and conditions for negotiation with RUC and the RSS, such as a revised price structure for the coming academic year. Staff does not recommend this alternative, as the terms and conditions of the Agreement with RUC and the RSS are essentially the same as those in the Agreement with McMaster University and participating student bodies at that institution, and are consistent with those terms and conditions resulting from the previously accepted recommendations of the McMaster University Bus Pass Program(s) Task Force.

**FINANCIAL/STAFFING/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no financial or staffing implications arising from the recommendation. Acceptance of the recommendation will commit Council to the Agreement with RUC and the RSS for one more year, commencing May 1, 2006.

**POLICIES AFFECTING PROPOSAL:**

There are no policies affecting the proposal.

**RELEVANT CONSULTATION:**

Consultation was undertaken between RUC, the RSS, and staff at Transit and Legal Services.

**CITY STRATEGIC COMMITMENT:**

By evaluating the "Triple Bottom Line", (community, environment, economic implications) we can make choices that create value across all three bottom lines, moving us closer to our vision for a sustainable community, and Provincial interests.
Community Well-Being is enhanced. ☑ Yes □ No
The recommendations enhance community well-being through increased travel options related to the use of public Transit, and improved integration with goals of Redeemer University College regarding enhancement of public Transit as a primary means of travel to and from the institution for students.

Environmental Well-Being is enhanced. ☑ Yes □ No
The recommendations enhance public Transit within the community, providing environmental benefits associated with increased Transit use and a decrease in the dependence on private automobiles.

Economic Well-Being is enhanced. □ Yes ☑ No

Does the option you are recommending create value across all three bottom lines? □ Yes ☑ No

Do the options you are recommending make Hamilton a City of choice for high performance public servants? □ Yes ☑ No