

MINUTES – APRIL 30, 2026

Meeting of the St. John’s Transportation Commission
Thursday, April 30, 2026 12:00 PM
In-Person at 25 Messenger Drive and via Zoom

REGULAR

In attendance:

James Greey	Chair
Paul Canning	Commissioner
Derrick Hutchens	Commissioner
Josh Smee	Commissioner
Franklin Onwa	Commissioner
Ron Ellsworth	Commissioner/Deputy Mayor
Kate Cadigan	Commissioner/City Councillor
Judy Powell	General Manager
Donna Power	Administrative Assistant

Regrets:

Derek Coffey	City Manager
--------------	--------------

I. PROCEDURAL

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 PM. Commissioner Ellsworth chaired the meeting.

II. AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented. Moved by Commissioner Canning; seconded by Commissioner Onwa. Motion carried.

III. MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the March 26, 2026 regular meeting as presented. Moved by Commissioner Hutchens; seconded by Commissioner Smee. Motion carried.

IV. BUSINESS ARISING

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Renewal of Contract – Via Software

Via Transportation provides the scheduling software for paratransit and on demand services. The current contract is set to expire in June 2026. Since the product is subscription based, it is not necessary to go to market again.

The software has improved greatly since its initial launch and the company has become much more receptive and responsive to staff requests which has led to many positive changes and a more stable product. Overall, staff are now quite happy with the software, and it makes sense to renew the contract.

Staff have begun working with VIA to design an updated contract. Once completed, a decision note will be forwarded to the Commission for approval.

2. MOU – CUTRIC

CUTRIC has been working with Metrobus in preparation for the transition to zero emission buses. Inductive (wireless) charging is an area of interest but there are currently no standards to govern its use. CUTRIC has put together a team of transit systems, induction providers, and bus manufacturers, and will draft an MOU to standardize the technology. Metrobus is considering signing the MOU, which will be reviewed with the Commission when it is ready. Any requirements for staff and/or financial commitments will be highlighted.

3. Reports

Monthly reports were presented for the Commission's consideration.

i. General Manager's Report

ii. Executive Summary Report

Ridership levels have decreased again (4%) compared to March of 2025. The Commission suggested that reviving conversations with Memorial University about the U-Pass may now be appropriate. Recognizing that students need to be invested in the program, management will reach out to the students' union to gauge their current position.

iii. Financial Statements for February 2026

A typo was noted on page 20. The third bullet under Passenger Revenue should read "... Monthly riders were down 13.8%..." rather than 23.8%. (This statistic refers to riders using a monthly pass.)

VI. OTHER

The next meeting of the St. John's Transportation Commission will take place on May 28, 2026, at noon.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Business concluded at approximately 12:22 PM.

MOTION: To adjourn the April 30, 2026, regular business meeting of the St. John's Transportation Commission.

Moved by Commissioner Hutchens. Meeting adjourned.