

Resolution 16A

IMPOSE A SURCHARGE ON ALL VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING PUBLIC TRANSIT INITIATIVES (DEFEATED)

⇒ Town of Yarmouth

WHEREAS Municipal transit results in decreased traffic congestion and faster average road speeds, fewer traffic accidents, easier parking, savings from reduced wear and tear on roads along with environmental and public health benefits including decreased air pollution and noise pollution from road traffic; and

WHEREAS many municipal units across Nova Scotia are struggling to provide their residents with essential municipal services in times of shrinking revenue streams; and

WHEREAS more and more residents are urging their Municipal governments to provide transit services especially for low income, disabled and seniors.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UNSM request that the Nova Scotia government impose a surcharge on all vehicle registrations issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles for the sole purpose of supporting public transit initiatives.

Revenues generated from each vehicle surcharge would be rebated to each respective Municipality in which the owner or operator of each respective vehicle resides with the understanding that the receiving Municipality will match these dollars accordingly.

The recommended fee structure is as follows:

Class 1	Semi and Tractor Trailer	\$19.00
Class 2	Bus, 24 or more passengers	\$19.00
Class 3	Vehicles, 14,000 kg and heavier	\$15.00
Class 4	Public passenger vehicle	\$9.00
Class 6	Motorcycle and motor-drive cycle	\$5.00
Class 8	Farm tractor	\$5.00