

Thursday, June 30, 2016
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WELLAND TRANSIT ENHANCES SERVICES AND INCREASES MONTHLY PASS

Welland, ON- Welland Transit Riders will see a few changes after the Canada Day weekend. For those riders who purchase a monthly pass, an increase of \$9.00 for adults and students will be added to passes, along with a \$7.00 increase to senior passes. This is the first increase in monthly passes since 2008, even though Transit costs have continued to increase.

The Welland Transit Advisory Committee made the suggestion to City Council to raise fees for all monthly passes in order to continue with quality services, and also enhance services that improve the evening bus service. Transit Manager, Alfred Stockwell says the City prioritizes public transit not only to promote a greener city, but also because accessible public transit is the only transportation for some residents. "Enhancing services is important to our riders because it makes taking public transit more convenient, and the more convenient the service is, the more participation from riders," said Stockwell.

For more information regarding Welland Transit effective changes and the Transit Master Plan, visit welland.ca or call Transit at 905 735-1700 Ext. 3101.

Monthly pass increases

- Adult - \$78.00
- Student - \$68.00
- Senior - \$59.00
- There has not been an increase in monthly passes since 2008
- Transit costs have steadily increased since 2008
- This increase has been recommended by the Transit Master Plan and approved by City Council and the Transit Advisory Committee
- Evening service improvements

Changes in service

- Effective Monday July 4, 2016 the Monday to Friday evening Community Bus service will be replaced with a modified conventional service. (see website for details)
- Routes 3, 4, 6 and 9 will leave the Terminal at 6:45 pm and every hour until 10:45 pm (full trip)
- Routes 1, 2, 5 and 8 will leave the Terminal at 7:15 pm and every hour until 10:15 pm (full trip)
- Saturday schedule change – Route 2 will depart the Terminal at 15 minutes past the hour and Route 4 will leave the Terminal at 45 minutes past the hour. This will make the services consistent with the Monday to Friday evening service schedules.

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