

ST. JOHN'S

Audit and Accountability Standing Committee Report

April 20, 2023

12:00 p.m.

4th Floor City Hall

Present:

Boyd Chislett, Citizen Representative - Chair
Ana Koren, Citizen Representative
Mayor Danny Breen
Jill Bruce
Ron Ellsworth
Kevin Breen, City Manager
Derek Coffey, Deputy City Manager of Finance and Administration
Sean Janes, City Internal Auditor
Sean McGrath, Senior Internal Auditor
Julie Critch, Senior Internal Auditor
Stacey Baird, Legislative Assistant
Judy Powell, General Manager of Metrobus
Lynn Zurel, Chair of the St. John's Transportation Commission

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved By Danny Breen

Seconded By Jill Bruce

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of December 14, 2022

Moved By Jill Bruce
Seconded By Danny Breen

That the minutes of December 14, 2022, be accepted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Paratransit Audit

Sean McGrath presented the Paratransit Audit Report.

Councillor Bruce advised, that although encouraging GoBus users to use conventional transit when possible would reduce organizational costs and increase the financial viability of the paratransit service, that she has heard from riders that get frustrated and will go back to using GoBus services. It was advised that the current conventional buses have rear facing wheelchair positions, but that new buses would come with new technology which would allow for forward facing options.

Concerns were also raised regarding the recommendation to provide free or heavily discounted conventional transit rides to paratransit users. It was advised that other transit authorities in Canada offer these and that it would be a reward for participants of the travel training program.

Moved By Jill Bruce
Seconded By Danny Breen

That Council approve the Paratransit Audit Report and the associated action plans put forth by management.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Request for Internal Audit Services

Moved By Danny Breen
Seconded By Jill Bruce

That Council approve changes to the 2023 Audit Plan to replace the audit of Fire Protection with an audit of the Mechanical Division.

MOTION CARRIED

CHAIR, BOYD CHISLETT