



MEMO

From the office of the...
Vice President Finance & CFO

TO: Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Alex Johnston, VP Finance
SUBJECT: HSR Referendum
DATE: December 6, 2019

Student Representative Assembly,

I am writing this memo to detail a motion to allow full time undergraduate students an opportunity to vote on the continuance of the bus pass during the 2020 Presidential Elections. The reason for its lateness is I wished to provide as much costing information as possible to obtain SRA support in going to referendum. At this time 3 years ago, the SRA was not provided specific terms as the negotiation process was still ongoing.

On Wednesday December 4th we came to agreement of the terms you see attached. We feel proud that we were able to lower the monthly multiplier to minimize the overall cost to students as the cost of the monthly bus pass looks to be increasing over the next 3 years. This equates to an approximate 24% savings from the HSRs original proposal. Though a 2-4.5% increase annually.

I will start this memo by detailing the agreement from 2017-2020. The pass has previously been broken down into 3 key components, the 8-month pass, the extended service into downtown until 3AM and the 4-month summer pass. Each pass has a set of assumptions whereby a calculation is assumed based on anticipated usage with concessions being made understanding the city has a vested interest in students exploring Hamilton, this has a significant effect on overall student retention in the city.

The 2017-2020 pass was broken out as following:

2017-2018:

Fall Winter- \$156.85 (155% of monthly pass for 8-month fall-winter pass based on cost of monthly pass of march from previous year)

Summer- \$18.22 (18% of monthly pass for 4-month summer pass based on cost of monthly pass of march from previous year)

Extended- \$7.59 (7.5% of monthly pass for extended service)
Presto Integration- \$5.00

2018-2019:

Fall-Winter- \$174.24 (165% of monthly pass for 8 month fall-winter pass based on cost of monthly pass of march from previous year)

Summer- \$19.01 (18% of monthly pass for 4-month summer pass based on cost of monthly pass of march from previous year)

Extended- \$7.91 (7.5% of monthly pass for extended service)

Presto Integration- \$5.00

2019-2020:

Fall-Winter- \$192.50 (175% of monthly pass for 8 month fall-winter pass based on cost of monthly pass of march from previous year)

Summer- \$19.80 (18% of monthly pass for 4-month summer pass based on cost of monthly pass of march from previous year)

Extended- \$8.25 (7.5% of monthly pass for extended service)

Presto Integration- \$5.00

Current Proposal:

The recommended 2020-2021 pass will be based on the following:

170% of the monthly pass for the 8 month fall-winter pass based on the cost of the pass in September 2020.

18.5% of the monthly pass for the 4-month summer pass based on the cost of the pass in the September 2020.

7.5% of the monthly pass for extended service until 3AM for busses going downtown.

\$3 flat fee for presto administration.

The recommended 2021-2022 pass will be based on the following:

175% of the monthly pass for the 8-month fall-winter pass based on the cost of the pass in September 2021.

18.5% of the monthly pass for the 4-month summer pass based on the cost of the pass in the September 2021.

7.5% of the monthly pass for extended service until 3AM for busses going downtown.

\$3 flat fee for presto administration.

The recommended 2022-2023 pass will be based on the following:

175% of the monthly pass for the 8-month fall-winter pass based on the cost of the pass in September 2022.

18.5% of the monthly pass for the 4-month summer pass based on the cost of the pass in the September 2022.

7.5% of the monthly pass for extended service until 3AM for busses going downtown.

\$3 flat fee for presto administration.

Hamilton city council has approved the following price increases so that our pass will be affected in the following way:

- 2020-2021: \$112.20
- 2021-2022: \$114.40
- 2022-2023: \$116.60

The broken-out price is the following:

2020-2021:

Fall-Winter- \$190.74

Summer- \$20.76

Extended- \$8.42

Presto Administration- \$3.00

MSU HSR Program Administration Fee- \$1.00

Total- \$223.91

2021-2022:

Fall-Winter- \$200.20

Summer- \$21.16

Extended- \$8.58

Presto Administration - \$3.00

MSU HSR Program Administration Fee- \$1.00

Total- \$233.94

2022-2023:

Fall-Winter- \$204.05

Summer- \$21.57

Extended- \$8.75

Presto Administration - \$3.00

MSU HSR Program Administration Fee- \$1.00
Total- \$238.37

I feel strongly that these are fair and reasonable fees for the next three years. When comparing our fees with other Universities, this is deal for students that I am confident putting forward. Additionally, pending SRA approval elections will be running a separate, yet congruent nomination period from January 6th-17th.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Johnston". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "A".

Alex Johnston
Vice President Finance & CFO
McMaster Students Union