



STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Saskatoon Transit Full-Fleet Zero Emission Bus Implementation Plan – CUTRIC Report

Recommendation of the Committee

1. That the CUTRIC Implementation Plan be considered when updating the Saskatoon Transit 10-Year Fleet Renewal Strategy;
2. That the CUTRIC Implementation Plan be submitted to Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada and any other relevant federal or provincial department or ministry requesting:
 - a. Removal or an exemption of the requirement for zero emissions buses for both fixed-route fleet and paratransit buses beyond the 2028-2029 and 2030-2031 timelines under the Canada Public Transit Fund (CPTF); and
 - b. requesting an amending agreement to change the battery electric buses to diesel buses in the transit fleet renewal component under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP);
3. That Saskatoon Transit continue to monitor the Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) landscape for technological advances and changes in the Saskatchewan power grid which may make the transition to ZEBs more cost effective and beneficial and explore opportunities where feasible to pilot zero emissions buses on a small scale;
4. That the CUTRIC Implementation Plan be revisited and updated in five years to reflect any technological advancements in the ZEB landscape and changes in renewable energy sources powering the Saskatchewan electrical grid; and
5. That the CUTRIC Implementation Plan be considered in the next update of the City of Saskatoon (City) Climate Action Plan (previously referred to as Low Emissions Community Plan (LEC)).

History

The Standing Policy Committee on Transportation, at its meeting held on May 6, 2025, considered a report of the Transportation and Construction Division regarding the above.

The following letters submitting comments were also considered:

- Caylin Lee, dated May 4, 2025;
- Sherry Olson, dated May 4, 2025
- Curt McCoshen - Climate Hub of Saskatoon, dated May 5, 2025; and
- Jory Vermette, Saskatoon Climate Hub, dated May 5, 2025.



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Attachments

1. May 6, 2025 report of the Transportation and Construction Division.
2. Letter from Caylin Lee, dated May 4, 2025
3. Letter from Sherry Olson, dated May 4, 2025
4. Letter from Curt McCoshen, Climate Hub, dated May 5, 2025
5. Letter from Jory Vermette, Saskatoon Climate Hub, dated May 5, 2025