

Dear Council,

How out of touch are you to think a 19% monthly fare hike and fare capping will save riders money?

While transit rides might be capped at 34 per month, most riders are working 5 days a week meaning they would require using the bus twice a day! That is 40 rides, and oh, an extra \$15.20 per month on top of that! Where are those savings that city staff are touting? Fare capping only saves money once in a blue moon or if you use transit fewer than 34 times a month. The majority of us will have to pay more for what exactly?

The cost of living has been out of control for months now, and living expenses keep rising despite the efforts to get them under control. It appears the City of Guelph and Guelph Transit aren't going to help.

I use transit almost every day. I use it to get to work, go get my food and clothing, and stop and shop in downtown and in the south end. You are asking me to try to find an extra \$15 a month when I make roughly \$19.50 an hour—that is going to hurt my pocketbook. I already live paycheck to paycheck, and I may end up cutting even more expenses and stopping going downtown to spend some of my income. Sorry, local pub, but city hall needs more of my money to run a Sunday night bus to nowhere and nobody than your employees and your suppliers need!

I have complained for years that 60 minutes doesn't cut it, ever since routes changed to a 10-20-30 minute schedule. I've missed transfers because of no-show buses and even waited 30 minutes at the university for a southbound 99 bus because they were way too full and unsafe to ride. Extend the transfer time already! TTC is 2 hours so can Guelph too!

Thank you.

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