

NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE MOTOR CARRIER ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION by **STRAIT AREA TRANSIT CO-OPERATIVE LTD.** to amend Motor Carrier License No. P02839

BEFORE:



M. Kathleen McManus, K.C., Ph.D., Member

DECISION AND ORDER

Strait Area Transit Co-Operative Ltd. applied to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board on December 10, 2024, to amend its Motor Carrier License No. P02839 by amending its license in accordance with Appendix A attached hereto.

Notice of the application was published in the Royal Gazette on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, and notice provided to the industry. No objections were received by the December 27, 2024, deadline.

The application was considered by the Board without a hearing on December 30, 2024.

Having considered the *Motor Carrier Act*, including the factors set out in s. 13, the Board finds it is in the public interest to approve the application.

The Board approves the application, and orders that the license be amended as per Appendix A attached hereto, effective immediately.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 2nd day of January 2025.



Clerk of the Board

Appendix A

C(1) - Timetables – Remove Current and Replace With:

Timeframes and locations available for fixed route as requested:

Remove "high" & "low" season times and update with full year timetable for Tuesday to Friday as outlined below:

5:25 am - 5:30 am - Port Hawkesbury- (Walmart, Sobey's)
5:40 am - 5:45 am - Troy- (Trailer Park)
5:50 am - 5:55 am - Long Point (along main route)
6:20 am - 6:30 am - Port Hood (along main route, church, fisherman's co-op, Port Hood seniors)
6:50 am - 7:00 am - Inverness (Hospital, Villas, Cottage Bakery, Dollar Store, Service Canada parking lot)
7:15 am - 7:20 am - Mabou (Fresh mart, along main route)
7:35 am - 7:45 am - Port Hood (along main route, church, fisherman's co-op, Port Hood seniors, Group home)
8:05 am - 8:10 am - Troy- (Trailer Park)
8:20 am - 8:35 am - Port Hawkesbury- (Walmart, Sobey's, ROC, Tim Horton's, Royal Bank)
8:45 am - 8:50 am - Troy- (Trailer Park)
8:55 am - 9:00 am - Long Point (along main route)
9:10 am - 9:15 am - Judique (along main route, Community Centre)
9:30 am - 9:40 am - Port Hood (along main route, church, fisherman's co-op, Port Hood seniors)
9:55 am - 10:00 am - Mabou (Fresh mart, along main route)
10:15 am - 11:30 am - Inverness (Hospital, Villas, Cottage Bakery, Dollar Store, Service Canada parking lot)
11:45 am - 11:50 am - Mabou (Fresh mart, along main route)
12:05 pm - 12:20 pm - Port Hood (along main route, church, fisherman's co-op, Port Hood seniors)
12:50 pm - 1:00 pm - Inverness (Hospital, Villas, Cottage Bakery, Dollar Store, Service Canada parking lot)
1:15 pm - 1:20 pm - Mabou (Fresh mart, along main route)
1:35 pm - 1:45 pm - Port Hood (along main route, church, fisherman's co-op, Port Hood seniors, Group home)
1:55 pm - 2:05 pm - Judique (along main route, Community Centre)
2:15 pm - 2:20 pm - Troy - (Trailer Park)
2:45 pm - 3:05 pm - Port Hawkesbury- (Walmart, Sobey's, ROC, Tim Horton's, Royal Bank)
3:15 pm - 3:20 pm - Troy- (Trailer Park)
3:25 pm - 3:30 pm - Long Point (along main route)
3:40 pm - 3:45 pm - Judique (along main route, Community Centre)

4:00 pm - 4:05 pm - Port Hood (along main route, church, fisherman's co-op, Port Hood seniors)

4:20 pm - 4:25 pm - Mabou (Fresh mart, along main route)

4:40 pm - 4:45 pm - Inverness (Hospital, Villas, Cottage Bakery, Dollar Store, Service Canada parking lot)

5:00 pm - 5:05 pm - Mabou (Fresh mart, along main route)

5:20 pm - 5:25 pm - Port Hood (along main route, church, fisherman's co-op, Port Hood seniors, Group home)

5:35 pm - 5:40 pm - Judique (along main route, Community Centre) 5:50pm - 5:55pm - Troy- (Trailer Park)

6:05 pm - 6:15 pm - Port Hawkesbury- (Walmart, Sobey's, ROC, Tim Horton's, Royal Bank)

D(1) - Rates

Under Passes (for unlimited travel within the coverage area, for both Dial-a-Ride and Fixed Route service):

Add - After three (3) no call / no shows, Strait Area Transit reserves the right to deny a client's future monthly pass to allow other clients the opportunity to utilize the seat.

Add - Extra stops must be booked at the time of reservation. Each extra stop will be at the cost of \$9.00 per stop.

Add - Strait Area Transit reserves the right to charge a 50% cancellation fee in the event of a last minute cancellation. Some exceptions may apply, e.g., a medical appointment was cancelled by the hospital at the last minute, client illness, etc.

Under Conditions:

Remove - Service must be pre-booked 48 hours in advance

Add - Service must be pre-booked 24 hours in advance, Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.

Add - Drivers will wait for five (5) minutes past scheduled time if client is not present for pickup. After five (5) minutes they will move on to their next scheduled pickup location. Drivers will allow for some exceptions, e.g., shuttle transfer delay, client notified office of reason for delay, etc.

F(3) - Regular general route public passenger service and the carriage of parcel express:

Remove - terms and conditions for high/low season.

Remove - buses are permitted to stop enroute when flagged down, provided the bus has a safe location to pull off the road and embark passengers.

Add - Fixed Route service runs Tuesday to Friday, each week.

Add - Service must be pre-booked 24 hours in advance, Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 3:00pm.

Add - Drivers will wait for five (5) minutes past scheduled time if client is not present for pickup. After five (5) minutes they will move on to their next scheduled pickup location. Drivers will allow for some exceptions, e.g., shuttle transfer delay, client notified office of reason for delay, etc.

All other terms and conditions therein remain the same.