

**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**  
to amend Motor Carrier License No. P02839

**BEFORE:**



Roland A. Deveau, K.C., Vice Chair

**DECISION AND ORDER**

Strait Area Transit Co-Operative applied to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board to amend its Motor Carrier License No. P02839 by removing its current Schedule D Rates and replacing it with the Schedule D rates attached in Appendix A hereto.

Notice of the application was published in the Royal Gazette on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, and notice provided to the industry. No objections were received by the January 31, 2024, deadline.

The application was considered by the Board without a hearing on February 2, 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 to replace the Schedule D Rates as attached hereto, retroactive to February 1, 2024.**

**DATED** at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2024.



Clerk of the Board

## APPENDIX A

### D(1) RATES, TOLLS AND CHARGES

#### Dial-a-Ride (door to door)

##### Fare Zones:

- 1) Whycomomagh to Port Hawkesbury
- 2) Port Hawkesbury to Inverness
- 3) Port Hawkesbury to Richmond County

\$9.00 flat rate in any one (1) zone

\$9.00 one way up to two (2) zones

\$14.00 one way for three (3) zones

Plus \$1.00 per km outside the coverage area when carrying the passenger.

Wait time charge of \$30.00 per hour, beginning one hour after drop off time, prorated by the quarter hour and rounded down. The one-hour grace period shall be renewed with each drop off (e.g., if a passenger has an appointment at St. Martha's Hospital, followed by an appointment for an orthotic fitting on the same Dial-a-Ride trip, they will be given one hour grace at each stop).

##### Passes (for unlimited travel within the coverage area, for both Dial-a-Ride and Fixed Route Service:

\$200.00 per calendar month

##### Full-Time Students:

\$625.00 per semester

\$1,150.00 per academic year (September 1 to August 31)

##### \$15.00 per parcel Coverage Area:

Inverness and Victoria Counties south of Margaree Forks, and all of Richmond County.

Example of Dial-a-Ride rate: Port Hood to Antigonish would be \$9.00 to the Canso causeway plus \$1.00 per km from there to Antigonish, for a total cost of \$70.00 one way.

For clarity, the \$1.00 is not charged when the vehicle is travelling empty from the service area to the place of pick up or from the place of drop off back to the service area, or reverse.

**Conditions:**

Service must be pre-booked 48 hours in advance.

Service is subject to availability.

Service is door-to-door.

**D(2) RATES, TOLLS AND CHARGES**  
**Charter**

12 and 16 passenger buses:

\$625.00 for minimum five (5) hour rental at \$125.00 per hour, plus \$50.00 per hour for each additional hour, to a maximum of 12 hours per day.

21 and 25 passenger buses:

\$625.00 for minimum five (5) hour rental at \$125.00 per hour, plus \$50.00 per hour for each additional hour, to a maximum of 12 hours per day.

**D(3) RATES, TOLLS AND CHARGES**  
**Regular Route Line Run**

\$9.00 one way

\$200.00 monthly pass

Full-time Students:

\$625.00 per semester

\$1,150.00 per academic year (September 1 to August 31)