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Item No. 15.1

Request for Transportation Standing Committee's Consideration	
 Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday) X Added Iten (Submitted Clerk's Office Monday) 	to Municipal
Date of Council Meeting: October 22, 2018	
Subject: Transit Access for Youth	
 That the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report on the feasibility of (1) Implementing a Transit Pass Program similar to Kingston, Ontario's that would provide a bus pass to all high school students along with orientation sessions at schools (2) Increasing the age that children ride free until from 5 to 16 as part of the fare strategy. 	
Other Canadian cities including Kingston, London, Vancouver and Toronto provide free transit for youth and pass programs for high school students. The goal of these initiatives and programs is to provide youth with more independence, provide low-income families with more mobility and economic security, and create a culture of transit ridership. In most cities where passes are provided to high school students, the program is partnership between the municipalities and school boards/provincial governments.	
Outcome Sought:	
Staff report on transit passes for students.	
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