

January 20, 2015

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Dear Sir(s)/Madam(s),

First of all I do want to say that I applaud the recent announcements to improve and add service across the TTC.

I moved to Toronto about a year and a half ago and although I know there are even more things to improve and change I also have to say that it really is an impressive service. Where I am from the public transit system can't even begin to compare, sometimes the good people of Toronto don't know how good they have it; it's not perfect but it's way above a lot of Canadian cities. While I'm on the topic, an appropriate thank you to all the TTC staff, be they drivers, booth attendants, custodians etc. It's usually a thankless job I'm sure.

I do write this email though to put across something that does displease me with the recent announcements, the fare increases. Or a lack thereof. I understand and believe that we all have to pay to bring improvements and I'm willing and happy to pay my share as well (how Canadian of me!).

What bothers me though is the cash fare. I may be new here but in my research it's been about 5 years since the cash fare has been raised and the passes have been raised consistently since then. Now, this is not to say there isn't a good value in the passes, but what I'm talking about is everyone paying their fair share to help improve the TTC. Since it's also announced that the TTC will no longer receive the children's fare of 75 cents, why not (finally) raise the cash fare as well? And not the 10 cent hike everything else got, raise it to \$3.25. That way the TTC could recoup a portion of the lost fares from kids under 12.

It just seems like something that makes more sense. The TTC and politicians still come out looking good to families and whatever voting pool, and the TTC would lose less in fares overall. Yes people would be upset about the 25 cent raise, but in all fairness (the operative word here; fairness - to all) tough. I and many others are upset about our passes and tokens being raised year after year. Cash fares have gone long enough without a raise and every time the other fares are raised their supposed "value" gets eroded, leading to the public bitterness about the whole thing (mine included).

I don't know if this email will make to the eyes of anyone who, well, care, but I had to at least have my say for whatever that is worth. If this does make it to the board in some way, shape or form; please, please consider raising the cash fare, to recoup losses for the TTC and in the interest of sharing and funding the TTC.

Thank you for your time, have a wonderful day!

Stephen Mullett

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