

Bylaw No. 10197

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**Comes into Force on
September 1, 2026**

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The Council of the City of Saskatoon enacts:

PART I Preliminary Matters

Short Title

1. This Bylaw may be cited as *The Saskatoon Transit Bylaw, 2026*.

Definitions

2. In this Bylaw:
 - (a) **“Access Transit”** means Saskatoon Transit’s paratransit service that offers on-demand transportation to registered users;
 - (b) **“bus shelter”** means a covered shelter located at or near a bus stop that may be used by any person waiting to board a Saskatoon Transit vehicle;
 - (c) **“bus stop”** means an area, designated as a bus stop by signage, that may be used by any person waiting to board a Saskatoon Transit vehicle;
 - (d) **“General Manager”** means the General Manager of Transportation and Construction or their designate;
 - (e) **“officer”** means any person authorized to administer and enforce this Bylaw;
 - (f) **“operator”** means an operator of a Saskatoon Transit vehicle;
 - (g) **“Saskatoon Transit”** means the Saskatoon Transit department of the City that provides bus transportation services to members of the public;
 - (h) **“Saskatoon Transit property”** means any property owned or controlled by the City that is managed by Saskatoon Transit,

including Saskatoon Transit vehicles, bus stop signage and bus shelters;

- (i) **“Saskatoon Transit vehicle”** means any vehicle owned by the City that is operated by Saskatoon Transit for the purposes of offering bus transportation services to members of the public;
- (j) **“service animal”** means an animal that:
 - (i) has received specialized training to provide, and is engaged in actively providing, assistance to a person with a disability;
 - (ii) is actively being trained to provide assistance to a person with a disability; or
 - (iii) is a police service dog as defined in *The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999*;
- (k) **“solicit”** means sell or offer to sell any thing or service, or distribute or offer any thing, such as printed materials;
- (l) **“transfer”** means a physical or electronic record of a Saskatoon Transit bus ride that allows a person to board a second Saskatoon Transit bus within 90 minutes of the time of boarding the first bus;
- (m) **“unacceptable behaviour”** means any activity, behaviour or state of being that:
 - (i) contravenes any provincial or federal law;
 - (ii) contravenes this Bylaw or any other bylaw of the City;
 - (iii) threatens the health, safety, comfort, well-being or security of others; or
 - (iv) damages or destroys, or could damage or destroy, Saskatoon Transit property or any other property.

Purpose

3. The purpose of this Bylaw is to:

- (a) create rules and regulations surrounding the use of Saskatoon Transit services in the interests of protecting property and improving the safety and well-being of passengers and operators;

- (b) empower officers to deny entry to, remove, ban or restrict from receiving future Saskatoon Transit services any person engaging in unacceptable behaviour; and
- (c) establish Saskatoon Transit fares and other fees for service.

PART II Fees

Fees

- 4. (1) Fees for bus tickets, bus passes and reloadable cards are set out in Schedule “A”.
- (2) All fees are non-refundable, however bus passes may, at the request of the purchaser of the bus pass, be converted by Saskatoon Transit to tickets of equal or lesser value.

Offences Relating to Payment

- 5. (1) For the purposes of this section:
 - (a) **“pay the required fare amount”** means inserting the required amount of cash, inserting the required bus ticket, displaying a transfer that was issued within the last 90 minutes or scanning a valid bus pass or other fare product;
 - (b) **“proof of payment”** means any proof of payment that is acceptable to an officer, including a transfer, a valid bus pass or proof of payment shown on an electronic device.
- (2) No person shall:
 - (a) fail to pay the required fare amount at the time of boarding a Saskatoon Transit vehicle;
 - (b) fail to present proof of payment upon the request of an officer;
 - (c) purchase or use a ticket or bus pass type that they are not eligible to use or purchase;
 - (d) provide false information in an application for a bus pass;

- (e) create, use, display, sell or gift a counterfeit bus pass;
 - (f) sell, rent, lease, gift or otherwise allow another person to use the person's bus pass or transfer; or
 - (g) in the case of a person relying on a student bus pass as form of payment, fail to produce a valid high school photo identification upon the request of an officer.
- (3) Any person who lacks an alternative form of proof of payment is responsible for ensuring they receive proof of payment from the operator at the time of boarding a Saskatoon Transit vehicle.
- (4) Clauses (2)(a) and (b) do not apply to:
- (a) operators or any officer engaged in administering and enforcing this Bylaw; or
 - (b) at the discretion of an operator acting in accordance with Access Transit policies, a person boarding an Access Transit vehicle, subject to a commitment to pay the required fare at a later time.

PART III General Rules and Regulations

Orderly Boarding

6. No person shall fail to board a Saskatoon Transit vehicle in a manner that is orderly and respectful to any other persons who may be waiting to board.

Footwear Must Be Worn

7. No person shall fail to wear footwear on their feet while on a Saskatoon Transit vehicle.

Regulations Respecting Personal Items and Other Objects

8. (1) No person shall:
- (a) fail to keep their personal items secure and under proper control while on a Saskatoon Transit vehicle;

- (b) allow their personal items to impede a seating area of a Saskatoon Transit vehicle;
 - (c) place any personal item or other object in the walkway of a Saskatoon Transit vehicle; or
 - (d) throw any personal item or other object on a Saskatoon Transit vehicle or out a window or door of a Saskatoon Transit vehicle.
- (2) No person shall, without the approval of an operator or officer, bring a bicycle or other similar device onto a Saskatoon Transit vehicle.
- (3) The following items may, at the discretion of an operator or officer, be prohibited from being brought onto a Saskatoon Transit vehicle, depending on their size, the available space on the vehicle and any other factor the operator or officer considers relevant:
 - (a) wagons, strollers, shopping carts and other similar devices;
 - (b) any other large or bulky item;
 - (c) any item that, in the opinion of the operator or officer, could:
 - (i) damage or soil Saskatoon Transit property or the property of an operator or any other passenger; or
 - (ii) threaten the health, safety, comfort, well-being or security of an operator or any other passenger.

Animals

9. Any passenger bringing an animal onto a Saskatoon Transit vehicle shall ensure that the animal:
- (a) does not urinate, defecate or otherwise cause damage to or destruction of Saskatoon Transit property or the property of an operator or any other passenger;
 - (b) does not act aggressively toward, or otherwise unduly disturb, an operator or any other passenger;
 - (c) with the exception of a service animal, is securely contained within a kennel; and
 - (d) in the case of a service animal, is:

- (i) seated on the floor or in a passenger's lap; and
- (ii) leashed and kept under proper control in accordance with the requirements of *The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999*.

[Section 10 was not passed by City Council and has been intentionally omitted – July 29, 2026]

No Damaging Saskatoon Transit Property

- 11. (1) No person shall damage, destroy or soil any Saskatoon Transit property.
- (2) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no person shall:
 - (a) write or draw on, etch into, paint or otherwise mark the interior or exterior of a Saskatoon Transit vehicle, a bus stop sign or a bus shelter; or
 - (b) litter, dirty or otherwise create a mess in a bus shelter, at a bus stop or on a Saskatoon Transit vehicle.

No Distracting Operators

- 12. No person shall distract or otherwise interfere with an operator while the operator is operating a Saskatoon Transit vehicle.

No Interfering With Doors

- 13. No person shall operate, obstruct, stop or in any way interfere with the automatic closing doors on a Saskatoon Transit vehicle.

No Entry or Exit While Vehicle in Motion

- 14. No person shall enter or leave, or attempt to enter or leave, a Saskatoon Transit vehicle while the Saskatoon Transit vehicle is in motion.

No Sleeping

- 15. No person shall sleep in a bus shelter, at a bus stop or on a Saskatoon Transit vehicle.

No Lying Down and No Feet on Seats

16. No person shall:
- (a) lie down on either the seats or the floor of a Saskatoon Transit vehicle; or
 - (b) place their feet on the seat of a Saskatoon Transit vehicle.

No Soliciting

17. No person shall solicit any other person in a bus shelter, at a bus stop or on a Saskatoon Transit vehicle.

No Riding on Exterior of Vehicle

18. No person shall ride on, stand on or hold onto any exterior part of a Saskatoon Transit vehicle while the vehicle is in motion.

No Inappropriate Language

19. No person shall use profane, sexual or otherwise obscene language or gestures in a bus shelter, at a bus stop or on a Saskatoon Transit vehicle.

Prohibited Means of Conveyance

20. No person shall operate rollerblades, a unicycle, a skateboard or any other similar device on a Saskatoon Transit vehicle.

Body Must Be Kept Inside Vehicle at All Times

21. No person on a Saskatoon Transit vehicle shall fail to keep their hands, feet and other body parts fully inside the Saskatoon Transit vehicle at all times while the vehicle is being operated.

Must Obey Instructions

22. No person in a bus shelter, at a bus stop or on a Saskatoon Transit vehicle shall fail to comply with the instructions of an operator or officer.

Maximum Time Permitted in Bus Shelter

23. No person shall remain in a bus shelter for longer than is reasonably required to board a Saskatoon Transit vehicle and in any event, for longer than 90 minutes.

PART IV Enforcement

Denial of Entry

24. An officer may prohibit a person from entering onto Saskatoon Transit property in any of the following circumstances:
- (a) the person is, in the opinion of the operator or officer, engaging in unacceptable behaviour;
 - (b) the person is subject to a prohibition issued pursuant to section 26;
 - (c) the person is subject to a notice issued pursuant to section 27, or any other lawful order such as a probation order, that restricts or suspends access to Saskatoon Transit services and allowing the person to enter the property would result in a violation of that notice or order;
 - (d) in the case of Access Transit services, the person's access to Access Transit services has been denied, suspended or restricted pursuant to section 28.

Removal from Saskatoon Transit Property

25. (1) An officer may require any person to vacate Saskatoon Transit property in any of the circumstances set out in section 24.
- (2) No person shall fail to vacate Saskatoon Transit property when requested to do so by an officer.
- (3) An officer may remove any person from Saskatoon Transit property who fails to vacate Saskatoon Transit property after having been requested to do so.

Short Term Prohibition on Access to Saskatoon Transit Services

26. (1) An officer may prohibit any person that has engaged in inappropriate behavior from entering onto Saskatoon Transit property for a period of up to 24 hours.
- (2) There is no right to appeal a prohibition mentioned in subsection (1).
- (3) No person shall fail to comply with a prohibition issued pursuant to subsection (1).

Suspension or Restriction on Access to Saskatoon Transit Services

27. (1) This section does not apply to Access Transit services.
- (2) The General Manager may issue a notice suspending or restricting future access to Saskatoon Transit services to any person who, in the opinion of the General Manager, engaged in unacceptable behaviour.
- (3) A notice issued pursuant to subsection (2) must:
- (a) identify the reason or reasons the notice is being issued;
 - (b) identify whether the suspension or restriction applies to all Saskatoon Transit property, including all buildings and vehicles, or whether the suspension only applies to certain property or certain Saskatoon Transit vehicles, such as specific bus routes;
 - (c) identify the times of day or days of the week that the restriction applies;
 - (d) if applicable, identify any terms or conditions that are imposed on any future access to Saskatoon Transit services, such as a requirement to access Saskatoon Transit services only for the purpose of getting to and from work or only when accompanied by an attendant; and
 - (e) identify the date that the notice expires or, in the case of a suspension or restriction that is issued for an undefined amount of time, the circumstances in which the suspension or restriction will be lifted.
- (4) No person that has been issued a notice pursuant to this section shall fail to comply with the terms and conditions of the notice.

Denial, Suspension or Restriction of Access to Access Transit Services

28. (1) The General Manager shall review all applications for Access Transit services and either request additional information, approve the application or deny the application for any reason considered appropriate.
- (2) The General Manager may suspend or restrict access to Access Transit services for any reason considered appropriate, including due to any of the following:
- (a) unacceptable behaviour;
 - (b) outstanding fees for prior travel;
 - (c) repeated failure to arrive at a pick-up location as scheduled or excessive cancellations or late notice cancellations;
 - (d) failure to use an appropriate mobility aid when required to do so by Saskatoon Transit for safety purposes.
- (3) Saskatoon Transit shall provide written reasons to a person whose access to Access Transit services has been denied, suspended or restricted pursuant to this section, along with any other information mentioned in subsection 27(3) that may be applicable.
- (4) No person whose access to Access Transit services has been suspended or restricted pursuant to this section shall fail to comply with the terms and conditions of the suspension or restriction.

Right of Appeal

29. (1) A person who is issued a notice pursuant to section 27 or whose access to Access Transit services is denied, suspended or restricted pursuant to section 28 may appeal the decision to the Saskatoon Appeal Board.
- (2) The rules, procedure and time limits for an appeal pursuant to subsection (1) shall be governed by the provisions of *The Saskatoon Appeal Board Bylaw, 2024*.

Cancellation or Suspension of Bus Passes

30. The General Manager may cancel or suspend a bus pass or other fare product in the event a person has been issued a notice pursuant to section 27 or 28.

Notice of Violations

31. (1) No person shall:
- (a) obstruct or interfere with an operator or officer;
 - (b) fail to provide their name, address and date of birth upon the request of an officer; or
 - (c) contravene or fail to comply with any provision of this Bylaw.
- (2) An officer may issue a notice of violation to any person who contravenes this Bylaw.
- (3) The notice of violation mentioned in subsection (2) shall require the person to pay \$50.00 to the City.
- (4) The fine mentioned in subsection (3) may be paid:
- (a) in person, during regular office hours, to the cashier located at City Hall, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan;
 - (b) by deposit, at the depository located at the main entrance to City Hall, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; or
 - (c) by mail addressed to Corporate Revenue, City Hall, 222 – 3rd Avenue North, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7K 0J5.
- (5) The fine mentioned in subsection (3) shall be discounted to the sum of \$30.00 if paid within 14 calendar days of the date of the notice of violation.
- (6) The date of payment shall be determined as follows:
- (a) for payment in person, the date of the payment shall be the date payment is received by the City;
 - (b) for payment by deposit, the date of payment shall be the date payment is deposited in the depository at City Hall;
 - (c) for payment by mail, the date of payment shall be the post marked date on the remittance.
- (7) If payment of the fine is made prior to the date when the person contravening this Bylaw is required to appear in court to answer the charge, the person shall not be liable to prosecution for that offence.

Administration and Enforcement of Bylaw

32. (1) The administration and enforcement of this Bylaw is delegated to:
- (a) the Chief of Police or their designate;
 - (b) the General Manager; and
 - (c) the Fire Chief of the Saskatoon Fire Department or their designate.
- (2) The persons listed in subsection (1) are authorized to further delegate the administration and enforcement of this Bylaw, in whole or in part, to any other person.
- (3) The persons identified in subsections (1) and (2) are, in addition to being authorized to administer and enforce this Bylaw, authorized to enforce in bus shelters, at bus stops, on Saskatoon Transit vehicles and on any other Saskatoon Transit property all other laws that are otherwise within their jurisdiction to enforce, including:
- (a) the federal *Criminal Code* and *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*;
 - (b) the provincial *Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act* and *Alcohol and Gaming Regulations Act*; and
 - (c) the City's *Panhandling Bylaw, 1999*, *Noise Bylaw, 2003*, *Smoking Control Bylaw, 2004*, *Animal Control Bylaw, 1999*, *Poster Bylaw, 1996*, and *Public Spitting, Urination and Defecation Prohibition Bylaw, 2004*.

PART V Repeal and Coming into Force

Bylaw No. 8370 Repealed

33. *The Transit Fares Bylaw, 2004* is repealed.

Coming Into Force

34. This Bylaw comes into force on September 1, 2026.

Read a first time this 29th day of July, 2026.

Read a second time this 29th day of July, 2026.

Read a third time and passed this 29th day of July, 2026.

"Cynthia Block"

Mayor

"Adam Tittermore"

City Clerk

"SEAL"

Schedule “A”

Fees

1. In this Schedule:

- (a) **“adult”** means, with respect to fares, the fare category that applies where no other more specific fare category applies;
- (b) **“child”** means a person:
 - (i) aged five or under; or
 - (ii) studying at a grade eight level or below;
- (c) **“Discounted Bus Pass”** means a bus pass issued under the Discounted Bus Pass Program;
- (d) **“Discounted Bus Pass Program”** means a program sponsored by the Province of Saskatchewan that provides eligible social service recipients with a Discounted Bus Pass;
- (e) **“Eco Pass”** means a discounted bus pass available to employees of employers participating in the Eco Pass Program;
- (f) **“Eco Pass Program”** means a program sponsored by the City that allows eligible employers to purchase Eco Passes for their employees, subject to agreement that the employer provides a further discount to employees at a rate equal to or exceeding the discount rate offered by the City;
- (g) **“family”** means a group of individuals related by blood, marriage or other legal status with a minimum of one adult and a maximum of two adults;
- (h) **“Low Income Pass”** means a discounted bus pass available for families that qualify based on a total household income that does not exceed the low income threshold amount established by Statistics Canada;
- (i) **“post-secondary student”** means a person residing in the City who is a full-time attendee of an approved post-secondary institution;
- (j) **“semester”** means the summer, fall or winter terms at a post-secondary institution;

- (k) **“senior”** means a person over the age of 64;
- (l) **“student”** means a person who is a full-time attendee of a recognized Public or Catholic high school or affiliated high school with proper high school photo identification;
- (m) **“U-Pass”** means a bus pass issued for a semester to a post-secondary student or student pursuant to an Agreement between the educational institution and the City.

2. Effective September 1, 2026:

- (1) **Children Ride Free:** Children may ride any Saskatoon Transit vehicle for free.
- (2) **Single Ticket Purchases (cash and exact change only if purchased on bus):**
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|-----|-------------------|--------|
| (a) | Adult Fare..... | \$3.25 |
| (b) | Student Fare..... | \$3.00 |
- (3) **Bulk Ticket Purchases:**
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|-----|---------------------------------------|---------|
| (a) | 10 Adult Fares..... | \$27.50 |
| (b) | 10 Student Fares..... | \$22.50 |
| (c) | 20 Adult Fares (Access Transit) | \$55.00 |
- (4) **Day Passes (unlimited rides for 24 hours from time of first boarding):**
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|-----|--|--------|
| (a) | Day Pass..... | \$9.50 |
| (b) | Weekend Family Day Pass (Saturday or Sunday) | \$9.50 |
- (5) **Monthly Bus Passes:**
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|-----|--|--|
| (a) | Adult Month Bus Pass..... | \$91.00 |
| (b) | Senior Month Bus Pass..... | \$30.00 |
| (c) | Senior 3 month Bus Pass..... | \$90.00 |
| (d) | Senior 6 month Bus Pass..... | \$176.00 |
| (e) | Student Month Bus Pass..... | \$62.00 |
| (f) | Semester Bus Pass (for post-secondary students)..... | \$299.20 |
| (g) | U-Pass..... | cost included in tuition or as per agreement |
| (h) | Adult Low Income Bus Pass..... | \$66.40 |
| (i) | Student Low Income Bus Pass..... | \$47.20 |
| (j) | Discounted Bus Pass..... | \$28.00 |
- (6) **Annual Bus Passes:**
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|-----|------------------------------|------------|
| (a) | Adult Annual Bus Pass..... | \$1,001.00 |
| (b) | Student Annual Bus Pass..... | \$682.00 |
| (c) | Senior Annual Bus Pass..... | \$329.00 |
| (d) | Eco Pass..... | \$873.60 |
- (7) **Other Fees:**
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|-----|-----------------------------------|---------|
| (a) | Reloadable Transit Pass Card..... | \$5.00* |
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The purchase of a single ride includes one non-transferable transfer.

*Registered Access Transit users purchasing the 20 Adult Fares option directly from an Access Transit operator are exempt from paying the \$5.00 fee for a Reloadable Transit Pass Card.

3. Effective January 1, 2027:

- (1) **Children Ride Free:** Children may ride any Saskatoon Transit vehicle for free.
- (2) **Single Ticket Purchases (cash and exact change only if purchased on bus):**
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|-----|-------------------|--------|
| (a) | Adult Fare..... | \$3.50 |
| (b) | Student Fare..... | \$3.25 |
- (3) **Bulk Ticket Purchases:**
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|-----|---------------------------------------|---------|
| (a) | 10 Adult Fares..... | \$30.00 |
| (b) | 10 Student Fares..... | \$25.00 |
| (c) | 20 Adult Fares (Access Transit) | \$60.00 |
- (4) **Day Passes (unlimited rides for 24 hours from time of first boarding):**
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|-----|--|---------|
| (a) | Day Pass..... | \$10.50 |
| (b) | Weekend Family Day Pass (Saturday or Sunday) | \$10.50 |
- (5) **Monthly Bus Passes:**
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|-----|--|--|
| (a) | Adult Month Bus Pass..... | \$100.00 |
| (b) | Senior Month Bus Pass..... | \$32.00 |
| (c) | Senior 3 month Bus Pass..... | \$96.00 |
| (d) | Senior 6 month Bus Pass..... | \$185.00 |
| (e) | Student Month Bus Pass..... | \$65.00 |
| (f) | Semester Bus Pass (for post-secondary students)..... | \$329.00 |
| (g) | U-Pass..... | cost included in tuition or as per agreement |
| (h) | Adult Low Income Bus Pass..... | \$66.40 |
| (i) | Student Low Income Bus Pass..... | \$47.20 |
| (j) | Discounted Bus Pass..... | \$28.00 |
- (6) **Annual Bus Passes:**
- | | | |
|-----|------------------------------|------------|
| (a) | Adult Annual Bus Pass..... | \$1,100.00 |
| (b) | Student Annual Bus Pass..... | \$715.00 |
| (c) | Senior Annual Bus Pass..... | \$345.00 |
| (d) | Eco Pass..... | \$960.00 |
- (7) **Other Fees:**
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|-----|-----------------------------------|---------|
| (a) | Reloadable Transit Pass Card..... | \$5.00* |
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