

Author name: j. russell

Date of submission: Thursday, 4 February 2016

Submission: I am writing to object to the proposed increases to the seniors fares on public transport. As retirees on a Comsuper pension my husband and I have no way of ever getting a pension card, but we are still not financially well off. This is one of the few benefits we get despite paying taxes all our lives and still doing so. I travel to the city at least a couple of times a week to work as a volunteer, this may have to be reduced because of the extra cost of travel.

I work with other pensioners who have no other income. The proposed increase is almost 50% of the present fare but pensions have not increased by anywhere near that amount so they will be even more affected than I will be. If it must be indexed it should be ONLY at the same rate as pensions are increased.

I'm sure that there are many more who work as volunteers who likewise will be affected. The increased fares will greatly reduce the number of volunteer workers and thus the benefits they bring

Perhaps a better idea would be to remove all the free travel for school children travelling past their local state school