

Backgrounder
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Promoting Public Transit by Reducing the Cost of Ridership

**TRANSIT PASS TAX CREDIT
Annual Savings for Commuters on Selected Routes**

Community/System	Transit Pass	Annual Cost ^{1,2}	Annual Savings ²
<i>Alberta</i>			
Calgary Transit	Adult Monthly Pass	\$840	\$134
Edmonton: ETS	Adult Monthly Pass	\$708	\$113
Lethbridge: LA Transit	Adult Citipass	\$630	\$101
Red Deer Transit	Go Pass	\$684	\$109
<i>British Columbia</i>			
Abbotsford-Mission: Central Fraser Valley Transit	Adult Monthly Pass	\$504	\$81
Greater Vancouver: TransLink	Adult FareCard 3 Zone	\$1,560	\$250
	2 Zone	\$1,140	\$182
	1 Zone	\$828	\$132
Kamloops Transit	Adult Monthly Pass	\$576	\$92
Kelowna Regional Transit	Adult Monthly Pass	\$564	\$90
Victoria Regional Transit	Adult Monthly Pass	\$720	\$115
	ProPass	\$618	\$99
<i>Manitoba</i>			
Brandon Transit	Adult Monthly Pass	\$696	\$111
Winnipeg Transit	Monthly Pass	\$578	\$92
<i>New Brunswick</i>			
Fredericton Transit	25 20-ride Adult Rider Cards	\$700	\$112
	65-plus Club Pass	\$660	\$106
	Student Monthly Pass	\$456	\$73
Greater Moncton: Codiac Transit Commission	Monthly Pass	\$672	\$108
Saint John Transit	Monthly Adult Pass	\$708	\$113

¹ 2006 rates.

² Figures rounded to nearest dollar.

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<i>Newfoundland and Labrador</i>			
Corner Brook Transit	Adult One-Month Bus Pass 63	\$756	\$121
St. John's-Mount Pearl: Metrobus	Adult Monthly Pass	\$756	\$121

<i>Nova Scotia</i>			
Annapolis, Kings and Digby Counties: Kings Transit Authority	12 Salmon Passes (40 rides each)	\$900	\$144
Halifax Regional Municipality: Metro Transit	Adult MetroLink Pass	\$900	\$144
	Adult MetroPass	\$720	\$115

<i>Northwest Territories</i>			
Yellowknife Transit	Adult Monthly Pass	\$744	\$119

<i>Nunavut</i> NA. Iqaluit's bus service was discontinued January 10, 2005.			
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<i>Ontario</i>			
Brampton Transit	Adult Weekly Pass	\$1,170	\$187
Brantford Transit	Adult 1 Month Pass	\$660	\$106
Durham Region Transit	Adult Monthly Pass	\$1,050	\$168
Brampton, Mississauga, Toronto, York Region	GTA Weekly Pass	\$2,145	\$343
Greater Toronto: GO Transit	Adult Monthly Pass		
	Aldershot-Union Station	\$3,132	\$501
	Milton-Kipling Station	\$2,484	\$397
	Aurora-Union Station	\$2,280	\$365
	Whitby-Scarborough	\$2,160	\$346
Guelph Transit	Adult Pass	\$696	\$111
Hamilton: HSR	Adult Monthly Pass	\$780	\$125
Kingston Transit	Adult Monthly Pass	\$780	\$125
London Transit	Citipass	\$888	\$142
	Weekday Pass	\$756	\$121
Mississauga Transit	Adult Weekly Pass	\$1,092	\$175
Niagara Falls: Niagara Transit	Adult 30-Day Pass	\$780	\$125
Ottawa: OC Transpo	ECOPASS R+ (Rural Routes)	\$1,127	\$180
	ECOPASS + (Express & Regular)	\$887	\$142
	ECOPASS (Regular)	\$727	\$116
	Adult Annual Pass (Express)	\$940	\$150
	Adult Annual Pass (Regular)	\$769	\$123
St. Catharines Transit Commission	City Pass	\$900	\$144
Toronto: TTC	Adult Metropass	\$1,185	\$190
	Adult Metropass (MDP)	\$1,086	\$174
Waterloo Region: Grand River Transit	Monthly Adult Pass	\$660	\$106
Woodstock Transit	Monthly Unlimited Pass	\$600	\$96
York Region Transit	Adult Monthly Pass		
	2 zone	\$1,440	\$230
	1 zone	\$960	\$154

<i>Prince Edward Island</i>			
Charlottetown Public Transit	25 20-ticket booklets (no passes sold)	\$850	\$136

<i>Quebec</i>			
Gatineau: STO	Passe-Partout PLUS Interzone Express and Regular Regular	\$1,230 \$984 \$804	\$197 \$157 \$129
La région métropolitaine de Montréal: AMT	TRAM Ordinaire TRAM 8 TRAM 7 TRAM 6 TRAM 5 TRAM 4 TRAM 3 TRAM 2 TRAM 1	\$2,412 \$2,124 \$1,812 \$1,524 \$1,320 \$1,188 \$996 \$852	\$386 \$340 \$290 \$244 \$211 \$190 \$159 \$136
Québec: RTC	Laissez-passer mensuel RTC - Général	\$761	\$122
Québec-Lévis: RTC and ST de Lévis	Laissez-passer mensuel métropolitain - Général	\$1,121	\$179
Société de transport du Saguenay	Laissez-passer - Adulte	\$684	\$109
Société de transport de Sherbrooke	Supercarte mensuelle familiale Supercarte mensuelle à tarif régulier	\$792 \$672	\$127 \$108
Trois-Rivières: STTR	Interpasse générale	\$672	\$108
Ville de Montréal: STM	CAM (Carte Autobus-Métro)	\$756	\$121

<i>Saskatchewan</i>			
Prince Albert Transit	Adult Monthly Pass	\$630	\$101
Regina Transit	Adult Monthly Pass	\$648	\$104
Saskatoon Transit Services	Adult Monthly Pass	\$684	\$109

<i>Yukon</i>			
Whitehorse Transit	Adult Monthly Pass	\$600	\$96

The tax credit will also save money for people who use the VIA Rail Commuter Pass to travel between home and work. Each pass is valid for 30 days and is good for 20 one-way rides within the chosen zone in southern Québec or southern Ontario.

<i>VIA Rail Commuter Pass (good for 20 one-way trips; estimated 24 passes per year)</i>			
Route	Pass	Annual Cost (24 passes)	Annual Saving
Aldershot-Toronto	\$238	\$5,712	\$913.92
Alexandria-Montréal	\$266	\$6,384	\$1,021.44
Alexandria-Ottawa	\$252	\$6,048	\$967.68
Belleville-Toronto	\$418	\$10,032	\$1,605.12
Brantford-London	\$278	\$6,672	\$1,067.52
Brantford-Toronto	\$278	\$6,672	\$1,067.52
Brockville-Toronto	\$292	\$7,008	\$1,121.28
Chatham-London	\$272	\$6,528	\$1,044.48
Cobourg-Toronto	\$278	\$6,672	\$1,067.52
Cornwall-Montréal	\$278	\$6,672	\$1,067.52
Coteau-Montréal	\$196	\$4,704	\$752.64
Drummondville-Montréal	\$278	\$6,672	\$1,067.52
Georgetown-Toronto	\$189	\$4,536	\$725.76
Grimsby-Toronto	\$252	\$6,048	\$967.68
Guelph-Brampton	\$207	\$4,968	\$794.88
Guelph-London	\$267	\$6,408	\$1,025.28
Guelph-Toronto	\$222	\$5,328	\$852.48
Kingston-Ottawa	\$400	\$9,600	\$1,536.00
Kingston-Toronto	\$440	\$10,560	\$1,689.60
Kitchener-Brampton	\$222	\$5,328	\$852.48
Kitchener-Toronto	\$244	\$5,856	\$936.96
London-Toronto	\$489	\$11,736	\$1,877.76
Montréal-Ottawa	\$516	\$12,384	\$1,981.44
Niagara Falls-Toronto	\$335	\$8,040	\$1,286.40
Oakville-Toronto	\$218	\$5,232	\$837.12
Oshawa-Toronto	\$167	\$4,008	\$641.28
Ottawa-Montréal	\$516	\$12,384	\$1,981.44
Port Hope-Toronto	\$266	\$6,384	\$1,021.44
St. Catharines-Oakville	\$256	\$6,144	\$983.04
St. Catharines-Toronto	\$308	\$7,392	\$1,182.72
Saint-Hyacinthe-Montréal	\$167	\$4,008	\$641.28
Stratford-Toronto	\$308	\$7,392	\$1,182.72
Trenton-Toronto	\$364	\$8,736	\$1,397.76
Woodstock-Toronto	\$335	\$8,040	\$1,286.40