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# Region's students get break on TTC fares

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York Region students who want to ride the rocket will soon find the price a little less astronomical.

The Toronto Transit Commission has OK'd a one-year pilot project, starting Jan. 1, that enables York Region teenagers to apply for, and receive, the TTC student discount card.

The card, currently available

only to students enrolled in Toronto schools, allows those aged 13 to 19 to pay \$1.50 per ride, 75 cents less than the current adult fare of \$2.25.

Philip Perlmutter, a Richmond Hill lawyer and father, told TTC commissioners last May the policy excluding students outside the 416 area was unfair.

"The theory is, since Toronto taxpayers are paying for the subsidy, only their children should benefit," he said.

"What's interesting is, the discount for seniors apply across the board. If you get on at Finch (subway station) and you're a senior, you get a seniors' fare ... but if you're a 14-year-old student, you have to pay an adult fare."

The TTC has provided discounts to both students and seniors living in the city since 1970. In 1991, Metro council, representing all six of the municipalities now comprising the City of Toronto, approved an amendment allowing all seniors, regardless of residency, to pay the senior rate, provided they show proof of age.

A report released by the TTC last month recommended the

status quo, arguing current discount programs for Toronto students and seniors are not offset by any special subsidies from any of the three levels of government.

"A revision in policy to include 905 students who do not attend school in Toronto would significantly increase support provided to this group of riders and would further increase the financial burden on Toronto taxpayers and TTC users," the report concluded.

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However, Mr. Perlmutter said he received a call from TTC chairperson Howard Moscoe this week, informing him the TTC is going against its own report to determine if it's feasible to extend the program to students outside the city.

"The staff report was really negative," he said, "but I guess Mr. Perlmutter struck a reasonable chord with my colleagues."

According to the TTC, there were 37.5 million student rides in 2002, representing 9 per cent of total ridership.

Students who listed Toronto as their primary residence comprised 94 per cent of that student ridership base, with GTA students attending school in Toronto making up the rest.

Toronto students with valid IDs are allowed to ride York Region Transit buses at the student rate of \$1.60.

The next step, Mr. Moscoe said, is to contact the school boards in York Region and make the necessary arrangements to ensure students are aware of the option to purchase a student photo ID, which costs \$3.25.

"I think we'll eventually extend it to all of 905 and I think it will work," Mr. Moscoe said.

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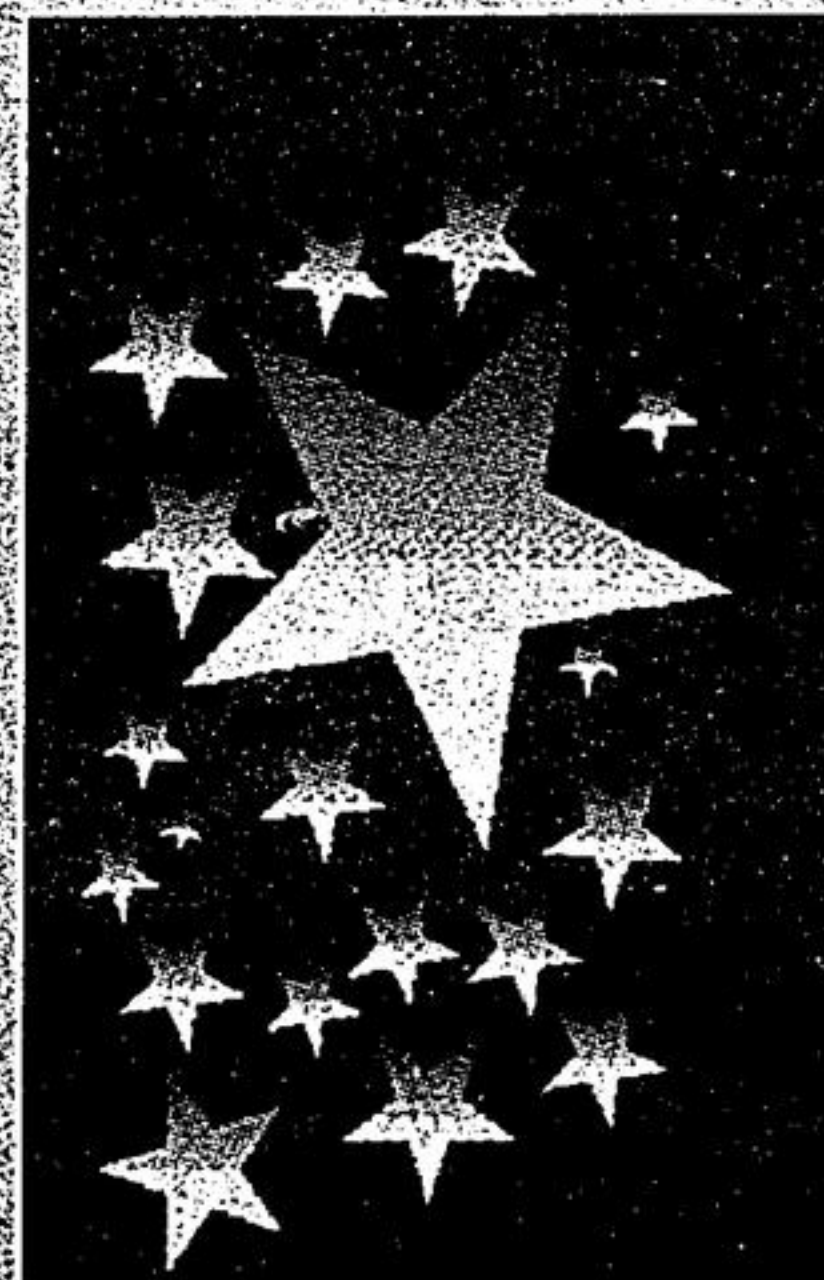
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