

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS

### ELECTION PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

#### DECISION ON CHALLENGES TO THE RU-PASS REFERENDUM

**I. REFERENDUM:** Ryerson Universal Transit Pass (“RU-Pass”) Referendum 2018, Request for a U-Pass Levy

Do you agree to the creation of a Ryerson Universal Transit Pass (RU-Pass) fee of \$282.00 per semester (\$280.00 for RU-Pass and \$2.00 for Ryerson administrative fee), applicable in the fall and winter terms, for a total of \$564.00 per year, which would provide unlimited travel on Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) services, adjusted annually by no more than five percent in accordance with administrative and transit costs, beginning in September 2019?

**II. DECISION:** The Election Procedures Committee, by a four to one majority, accepts the recommendation of the Returning Officer, Catherine Redmond, and hereby denies the challenges to the RU-Pass Referendum and upholds the RU-Pass Referendum results.

**III. REASONS:** The role of the Election Procedures Committee is set out in the Referendum Procedures. Section 9.2, Challenges to Referendum Results, provides that in the event of a challenge to a referendum result, the Returning Officer is to investigate challenges to referendum results and provide a recommendation, following which the Election Procedures Committee “will consider the report and issue a decision”. In fulfilling this mandate, the Election Procedures Committee has carefully reviewed the various challenges that have been filed, the recommendation of the Returning Officer, and all relevant facts respecting the administration of the RU-Pass Referendum.

Voting for the RU-Pass Referendum was conducted over four days, October 29 to November 1, 2018. Of the 38,124 eligible voters, there were 16,331 voters who cast a ballot. There were 10,158 voters who marked YES and 6,079 voters who marked NO to the RU-Pass Referendum question. There were 94 voters who declined to indicate a preference. The RU-Pass Referendum succeeded as the YES votes met the 50% + 1 threshold to determine the outcome of the RU-Pass Referendum.

There were numerous challenges to the RU-Pass Referendum results, as set out in the Returning Officer’s report dated November 12, 2018, a copy of which is attached as Schedule “A”. The challengers alleged that the conduct and activities of the Ryerson Students Union (“RSU”), the “YES” campaign, were misleading and unfair, in breach of section 7.6 – General Standard of Fairness and section 8.1 – Inaccurate Material pursuant to the Referendum Procedures. The challengers alleged that the RSU misled voters about: (a) the opt-out provision which is available to any student whose personal circumstances relate to a protected ground under the Ontario Human Rights Code which restricts the ability to utilize transit, and (b) the voting period end date which was November 1, 2018. The challengers argued that there were

several instances where students were told on the RSU social media sites that they could easily opt-out, and that the RSU indicated that November 2, 2018 was the end of the voting period. There were also a few challengers who complained about the “free pizza and waffles” that the RSU distributed to students in an effort to influence their vote.

The Returning Officer investigated the challenges pursuant to the Referendum Procedures. It was the Returning Officer’s view that there was “sharp practice and misleading information” used by the RSU but that voters had access to accurate information.

The majority of the Election Procedures Committee concurs.

The RSU’s statements about the opt-out (e.g. “You can Opt-Out”) were vague and incomplete. The RSU’s posters about the voting period end date did have the incorrect date of November 2, 2018.

During the voting period, the Returning Officer issued instructions to the RSU to correct inaccuracies and the RSU made efforts to comply.

Accurate information about both the opt-out and voting end date was publicly available.

The opt-out and voting period were clearly explained on the Board of Governors’ Referenda site:<https://www.ryerson.ca/governors/elections/Referenda/>. Ryerson University’s Vice Provost Students also sent an email to all full-time undergraduate and graduate students on October 30, 2018 about the opt-out provision and voting end date. A copy of that email is attached as Schedule “B”.

*The Eyeopener* newspaper and *Ryersonian* newspaper published articles both before and during the voting period about the opt-out and voting end date. *The Eyeopener* published an article, “RSU prints RU-Pass Referendum Ads with the Wrong Dates on Them” on October 29, 2018 <https://theeyeopener.com/2018/10/rsu-prints-ru-pass-referendum-advertisements-with-the-wrong-dates-on-them/>. The Eyeopener also published an article, “Everything You Need to Know About the Ru-Pass” on October 30, 2018 <https://theeyeopener.com/2018/10/everything-you-need-to-know-about-the-ru-pass/> which stated, “Students can opt out of the pass if they are unable to use transit due to grounds protected under the Ontario Human Rights Code. Opt-outs will be assessed on a case-by-case basis by the Office of the Registrar at Ryerson”. *The Eyeopener* article noted that the voting period ended on November 1 at 4:30 pm. The *Ryersonian* published an article, “Current RU-Pass Opt-Out Only Applies to Students with Disabilities, RSU President Clarifies” on October 31, 2018. <https://ryersonian.ca/current-ru-pass-opt-out-only-applies-to-students-with-disabilities-rsu-president-clarifies/>. The *Ryersonian* article discussed the issue and noted that the voting would take place until November 1 at 4:30 pm.

The “NO” campaign also posted on Facebook, Ryerson Students against RU-Pass <https://www.facebook.com/2306891996007043/posts/vote-no-for-the-ru-pass-from-today-until-nov-1-430->

[pmheres-why1-students-cant-op/2309328299096746/](https://www.punjab.gov.ca/punjab-heres-why-1-students-cant-opt-out/2309328299096746/) on October 29, 2018, “Students can’t opt out of the RU-Pass. Despite what the RSU is telling students about the opt-out option, you can only opt-out if it falls under the human rights code”.

Distribution of the free pizza and waffles by the RSU does not constitute prohibited activity under the Referendum Procedures, and as such, is not discussed herein.

For the reasons above, the majority of the Election Procedures Committee accepts the recommendation of the Returning Officer, denies the challenges and upholds the RU Pass Referendum results. The majority is of the view that the irregularities that occurred in the referendum did not materially affect the fairness of the referendum, or alter the result.

One member of the Election Procedures Committee voted to reject the recommendation of the Returning Officer, accept the challenges, and dismiss the RU Pass Referendum results. That member is of the view that there was an unbalanced advantage that the "YES" advocates had in communicating erroneous information, and this erroneous information was known but inadequately corrected too late to offset the misleading information.

DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.



Julia Shin Doi, Chair

Election Procedures Committee Members:

Ron Babin, Faculty Representative

Jennifer Hicks, Alumni Representative

Joseph Zboralski, Staff Representative

Giselle Basanta, Board Secretariat



**Date:** Monday 12, November 6, 2018

**To:** Ryerson University Election Procedures Committee  
Julia Shin Doi, Chair  
Jennifer Hicks, Alumni Representative and Committee Secretary  
Ron Babin, RFA Representative  
Giselle Basanta, Senior Legal Counsel and Assistant Secretary  
Ram Ganesh, RSU Representative  
Joseph Zboralski, Staff Representative

**From:** Catherine Redmond, Returning Officer

**Re:** **2018 RU-Pass Referendum Challenges Report**

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### **Referendum Dates Established**

On August 29, 2018 I confirmed with Salman Faruqi, RSU, Vice President Education and Ian Crookshank, Vice Provost, Students that the referendum dates would be October 29, 2018 to November 1, 2018. On September 20, 2018 I informed the Election Procedures Committee of the confirmed referendum dates.

### **The Referendum Period – October 8 to November 1, 2018**

On October 8, 2018 The RU PASS proclamation was sent to 38,184 student voters with the dates of the referendum clearly defined (Appendix A – Pages 3- 4)

On October 12, 2018 a YES and NO side had registered with the Board Secretariat and provided the names of their spokespersons as was requested. Campaigning began on October 13, 2018.

Between October 8 and November 1, 2018 approximately nine email blast were sent out to voters. (Appendix A - Pages 3-13) These email blasts provided voters with the following information.

1. October 8, 2018 - RU Pass Referendum Proclamation
2. October 9, 2018 - Reminder of campaign registration deadline
3. October 15, 2018 - Notification that campaigning begins

4. October 26, 2018 - Notification that voting begins
5. October 29, 2018 - Notification that voting has begun
6. October 30, 2018 - Clarification of RU PASS information from Vice Provost Students
7. October 31, 2018 - Notification that final Vote Day
8. November 1, 2018 - Notification of Last Day to Vote
9. November 1, 2018 - Referendum Results

During the Campaign and voting period the Returning Officer received over 60 emails requesting information about the RU Pass, how to vote, and complaints about the conduct of the YES campaigners. All emails were responded to and complaints were brought to the attention of those who were directly responsible for the conduct of the YES campaigners' team with a request that the Vice Provost, Students assist them with campaign message accuracy.

### **During the Voting Period**

To mitigate this, and to counter any purported misinformation I requested that Ian Crookshank, Vice Provost Students send out an email blast to all voters with accurate facts about the referendum. The text of this blast (Appendix A pages 9-10) went out to all voters on Tuesday, October 30, 2018.

### **Post-Referendum Period**

After the referendum concluded on November 1, 2018 the Returning Officer received approximately **195** emails from student voters who wanted more information about the U-PASS, were upset about the results of the vote, or were concerned about the RSU's campaign behavior. Of those 195 emails **24** wished to formally challenge the referendum results. Two of these email challenges had several hundred student signatures attached.

### **Conduct of the Referendum**

The majority of the complaints concerned the YES side's misleading statements and incorrect voting dates on campaign posters and material. There were several instances where students were told on RSU social media sites that they could easily opt-out of the RU PASS. Others were told that receiving a Go Transit pass was linked with securing the RU pass. Another complaint, which was more serious was that students were being assisted or observed while they cast their votes.

### **Conclusion**

The 42.8% voter turn-out for the RU Pass referendum was the largest that the University has had since referendum statistics were recorded. Of the 38,134 eligible voters, 10,158 voted in favour of the RU Pass and 6,079 voted against the pass. Those voters who agreed to the creation of the RU Pass fee of \$282.00 per semester had a strong lead.

## RU-Pass Referendum 2018

While I feel that sharp practice and misleading information was used by the RSU I also felt that the electorate had access to accurate information provided by the Board Secretariat, and voted accordingly.

I conclude that the referendum results should stand and the challenge to the referendum has no merit.

**Send date/time:** Monday, October 8, 2018

**From:** Board Secretariat <noreply@ryerson.ca>

**Reply-to:** noreply@ryerson.ca

**Recipients:** All full-time undergraduate and graduate students

**Test date/time:** Friday, October 5, 2018, AM

**Send Test to:** Leanne Stevens [leanne.stevens@ryerson.ca](mailto:leanne.stevens@ryerson.ca)  
Catherine Redmond [credmond@ryerson.ca](mailto:credmond@ryerson.ca)  
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**Subject line:** RYERSON UNIVERSAL TRANSIT PASS (RU-PASS) REFERENDUM 2018

# REFERENDUM PROCLAMATION

## RYERSON UNIVERSAL TRANSIT PASS (RU-PASS) REFERENDUM 2018, REQUEST FOR A U-PASS LEVY

On April 26, 2018 the Board of Governors of Ryerson University approved the holding of a referendum among all full-time undergraduate and graduate students asking for their support to create a new student levy to secure Ryerson's participation in U-Pass, a new low-cost ridership program with the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC).

### BACKGROUND

A U-Pass is a fare pass program offered to students who are enrolled in a postsecondary institution. The cost of a U-Pass is based on current modal split (transit vs non-transit) and is designed to keep the TTC revenue and cost neutral, both today and in the future. Two of the main objectives of a U-Pass are 1) to increase access to transit by lowering the cost to travel and 2) grow transit ridership. To lower the cost of the pass the program requires mandatory student participation and ensures the financial impact for the TTC is cost neutral. The cost of a U-Pass is included in the student fees collected by the institution and reimbursed to the TTC. The adoption of a U-Pass at an institution is dependent on a referendum of the student union to allow for the inclusion of the pass cost in the student fees.

### PROPOSAL

The Ryerson Election Procedures Committee will hold a referendum, amongst full-time undergraduate and graduate students to seek approval for the creation of a fee of \$282.00 per semester, applicable in the fall and winter terms, for a total of \$564.00 per year, to fund the cost of a Universal Transit Pass (U-Pass) starting in September 2019, to be paid by all students enrolled in full-time programs. Students enrolled in the spring/summer term would have the option to opt into the U-Pass for that term as well. The compulsory fee is to be adjusted by no more than 5% annually to provide for any increase in administrative or transit costs. **While U-Pass is a universal term, it will be rebranded locally as "RU-Pass" for internal Ryerson purposes.**

### QUESTION

***Do you agree to the creation of a Ryerson Universal Transit Pass (RU-Pass) fee of \$282.00 per semester (\$280.00 for RU-Pass and \$2.00 for Ryerson administrative fee), applicable in the fall and winter terms, for a total of \$564.00 per year, which would provide unlimited travel on Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) services, adjusted annually by no more than five percent in accordance with administrative and transit costs, beginning in September 2019?***

Yes  No

#### **HOW TO CAMPAIGN ON THE REFERENDUM**

Those intending to campaign on this referendum may register as a group represented by three individuals who are eligible to vote in this referendum. Campaign group registration forms are available at the [Board of Governors Referenda website](#). Completed forms are to be submitted to the Returning Officer c/o the Board Secretariat at Jorgenson Hall 11<sup>th</sup> floor. Registration for campaign groups closes on **Friday, October 12, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. (noon)**.

#### **HOW TO VOTE**

Vote online at [my.ryerson.ca](http://my.ryerson.ca)

Voting starts on **Monday, October 29, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.** and ends on **Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.** The voting system will be available throughout the voting period. If you are eligible to vote but cannot access the system or have other difficulties voting, contact the Returning Officer c/o the Board Secretariat for direction and assistance.

**Returning Officer – Catherine Redmond**



**Send date/time:** Thursday, October 11 2018

From: Board Secretariat <noreply@ryerson.ca>

Reply-to: noreply@ryerson.ca

Recipients: All full-time undergraduate and graduate students

**Test date/time:** Tuesday, October 9, 2018

Send Test to: Leanne Stevens [leanne.stevens@ryerson.ca](mailto:leanne.stevens@ryerson.ca)  
Catherine Redmond [credmond@ryerson.ca](mailto:credmond@ryerson.ca)  
Board Secretariat [boardsecretariat@ryerson.ca](mailto:boardsecretariat@ryerson.ca)

**Subject line: RYERSON UNIVERSAL TRANSIT PASS (RU-PASS) REFERENDUM 2018,  
YES and NO campaign group registration closes on Friday**

Please be reminded that the registration period for **Ryerson Universal Transit Pass (RU-PASS) Referendum YES and NO** campaign groups closes tomorrow.

Registration forms must be received by **Friday, October 12, 2018 at 12:00 noon**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Please visit the [Board of Governors Referenda website](#) for more information.

How to register a YES or NO campaign group

- Download the registration form available at the [Board of Governors Referenda website](#).
- Submit the completed registration form in person to the Returning Officer c/o the Board Secretariat at Jorgenson Hall 11<sup>th</sup> floor by the registration deadline.

Please contact the Returning Officer c/o the Board Secretariat ([boardsecretariat@ryerson.ca](mailto:boardsecretariat@ryerson.ca)) with any questions or concerns about campaign group registration or about the referendum.

**Send date/time:** Monday, October 15, 2018

From: Board Secretariat <noreply@ryerson.ca>

Reply-to: noreply@ryerson.ca

Recipients: All full-time undergraduate and graduate students

**Test date/time:** Tuesday, October 9, 2018

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**Subject line:** Ryerson Universal Transit Pass (RU-PASS) Referendum, YES and NO campaigning is underway

**The Ryerson Universal Transit Pass (RU-PASS) Referendum YES and NO** campaign period has begun.

In the coming weeks, you will have opportunities to learn about the referendum issue from your fellow student campaigners. You may also visit the [Board of Governors Referenda website](#) for public information about the referendum.

Voting for the referendum will begin on **October 29, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.** and end on **November 1, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.** Voting will be conducted online through the my.ryerson portal.

Please contact the Returning Officer c/o the Board Secretariat ([boardsecretariat@ryerson.ca](mailto:boardsecretariat@ryerson.ca)) with any questions or concerns about the referendum.

**Send date/time:** **Friday, October 26, 2018**

**From:** Board Secretariat <noreply@ryerson.ca>

**Reply-to:** noreply@ryerson.ca

**Recipients:** All full-time undergraduate and graduate students

**Test date/time:** **Monday, October 22, 2018**

**Send Test to:** Leanne Stevens [leanne.stevens@ryerson.ca](mailto:leanne.stevens@ryerson.ca)  
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**Subject line:** **Ryerson Universal Transit Pass (RU-PASS) Referendum, Voting begins on Monday, October 29, 2018**

Next week is the voting period for the **Ryerson Universal Transit Pass (RU-PASS) Referendum**.

Voting will begin on **October 29, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.** and end on **November 1, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.** Voting website link will be available on [my.ryerson.ca](http://my.ryerson.ca)

For more information, please visit the [Board of Governors Referenda website](#) or contact the Returning Officer c/o the Board Secretariat ([boardsecretariat@ryerson.ca](mailto:boardsecretariat@ryerson.ca)).

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**Subject line:** Ryerson University Transit Pass (RU-PASS) Referendum 2018, Voting has begun

Voting has begun for the **Ryerson University Transit Pass (RU-PASS) Referendum 2018**

Eligible voters can log on to the voting website linked at [my.ryerson.ca](http://my.ryerson.ca)

To vote, you will be asked to answer **YES** or **NO** to the following question:

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Voting will be available until **Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.**

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**Reply-to:** noreply@ryerson.ca

**Recipients:** All full-time undergraduate and graduate students

**Test date/time:** N/A

**Subject line:** FYI: RU-Pass Referendum - Important Clarifications

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#### **Can students opt-out of RU-Pass?**

All undergraduate and graduate students who are members of the Ryerson Students' Union will be required to pay the levy and participate in the RU-Pass program.

An opt-out provision will be available to any student whose personal circumstances/needs relate to a protected ground under the Ontario Human Rights Code which restricts their ability to utilize transit. These opt-out requests will be assessed by Ryerson University on a case-by-case basis.

#### **Can RU-Pass be used for rides on neighbouring transit services (i.e. York Region Transit, GO, etc.)?**

The RU-Pass would be used exclusively for transportation on the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) system.

#### **Who will oversee the administration of the RU-Pass?**

Ryerson's Registrar's Office will be responsible for the administrative oversight of the levy and compliance required by the TTC.

#### **Who determines the provisions of the RU-Pass?**

The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) developed a U-Pass Policy Framework in March 2018 that determines among other things the cost of the pass, the opt-out provisions and whether or not a regional pass is a viable option. More information about the framework can be found on the TTC website:

[http://www.ttc.ca/About\\_the\\_TTC/Commission\\_reports\\_and\\_information/Commission\\_meetings/2018/March\\_20/Reports/9\\_U\\_Pass\\_Policy.pdf](http://www.ttc.ca/About_the_TTC/Commission_reports_and_information/Commission_meetings/2018/March_20/Reports/9_U_Pass_Policy.pdf)

This information is also available on the Ryerson Board Office website:

<https://www.ryerson.ca/governors/elections/Referenda/>

Ian Crookshank  
Interim Vice-Provost, Students

**Send date/time:** Wednesday, October 31, 2018

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Reply-to: noreply@ryerson.ca

Recipients: All full-time undergraduate and graduate students

**Test date/time:** Monday, October 22, 2018

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**Subject line:** Ryerson Universal Transit Pass (RU-PASS) Referendum 2018, Vote Today

Voting for the Ryerson Universal Transit Pass (RU-PASS) Referendum 2018 closes tomorrow (November 1, 2018) at 4:30 p.m.

Vote today at [my.ryerson.ca](http://my.ryerson.ca)

To vote, you will be asked to answer **YES** or **NO** to the following question:

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**Subject line:** Ryerson Universal Transit Pass (RU-PASS) Referendum 2018, Last day to VOTE

Have you voted for the **Ryerson Universal Transit Pass (RU-PASS) Referendum 2018?**

**Voting closes TODAY at 4:30 p.m.**

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**Subject line:** Ryerson University Transit Pass (RU-PASS) Referendum 2018 Results

Voting has ended for the Ryerson University Transit Pass (RU-PASS) Referendum 2018.

Thank you very much to everyone who participated in the referendum.

### **Referendum Results**

**There were 10,158 votes for YES and 6,079 votes for NO.**

These results indicate that a sufficient number of full-time undergraduate and graduate students are in favour the creation of a Ryerson Universal Transit Pass (RU-Pass) fee of \$282.00 per semester (\$280.00 for RU-Pass and \$2.00 for Ryerson administrative fee), applicable in the fall and winter terms, for a total of \$564.00 per year, which would provide unlimited travel on Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) services, adjusted annually by no more than five percent in accordance with administrative and transit costs, beginning in September 2019.

**Ryerson University Transit Pass (RU-PASS) Referendum 2018 is successful.**

### **Voting Results Details**

Eligible voters:	38,134
Ballots submitted:	16,331
YES votes:	10,158
NO votes:	6,079
Declined to vote:	94
Voter turnout:	42.8%

These results will be posted to the [Board of Governors Referenda website](#) tomorrow.

If you have any questions or concerns about the results of the referendum, please contact the Returning Officer c/o the Board Secretariat ([boardsecretariat@ryerson.ca](mailto:boardsecretariat@ryerson.ca)).

**The last day to challenge the referendum results is Friday, November 9, 2018.**



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**Reply-to:** noreply@ryerson.ca

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**Test date/time:** N/A

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