FORM 17 **M13144**

NOVA SCOTIA REGULATORY AND APPEALS BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE MOTOR CARRIER ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION of **RUCHIKA SHARMA O/A SYDCOAST CRUIZE TOURS** for issue of a Motor Carrier License

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

TAKE NOTICE THAT RUCHIKA SHARMA O/A SYDCOAST CRUIZE TOURS of Sydney, Nova Scotia, made an application which was received by the Clerk of the Board on October 16, 2026, for issue of a Motor Carrier License as set out in Appendix A hereto.

PUBLICATION DATE: Wednesday, November 25, 2026, issue of the Royal Gazette.

A copy of the application may be seen at the Offices of the Board, 1601 Lower Water Street, Suite 300, Halifax, Nova Scotia, or on the Board's website at https://nserbt.ca/nsrab/, click on "Matters & Evidence", click "Search Records" and in the "Go Directly to Matter" search box, insert Matter No. **M13144**.

Anyone wishing to object to this Application must file its objection in writing with the Board no later than **Wednesday, December 2, 2026**. Objections shall include a summary of each reason for opposing the Application. Objections may be filed by regular

mail to the Clerk of the Board at the above address, or by using our secure file transfer service at https://board.titanfile.com/NSRAB/, or by fax at (902) 424-3919.

If no objections are received, the Board may grant the application without a public hearing.

If any objections are received, the public hearing of the application will be set.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 17th day of November 2026.

Clerk of the Board

Appendix A

Areas:

B(1) AREAS
Cape Breton Island

Services:

F(1) SPECIALTY IRREGULAR RESTRICTED AREA PUBLIC PASSENGER – SIGHTSEEING TOUR SERVICE

The transportation of pre-arranged groups, cruise ship passengers and passengers travelling to or from specified tourism destinations and attractions within Cape Breton.

Routes:

A(1) ROUTES

Originating in Sydney, Cape Breton, travelling to points across Cape Breton Island, including Cabot Trail, Baddeck, Iona, Louisburg, Two Rivers Wildlife and surrounding areas**.**

Rates:

D(1) RATES

Vehicle Type/# passengers	Per KM Live	Per KM Deadhead	Daily (10 hrs)	Hourly	Hourly (after 10 hrs.)	Min Charge (10hrs. or less)	Layover per day	Wait Time
Motorcoach								
15 Pass	$2	$2	$1700	$140	$140	$320	$500	$120
24 Pass	$2	$2	$2400	$160	$160	$350	$600	$150

The company's published website prices currently range from approximately $80 to $270 per person, depending on the tour.
For example, the website lists:

- The Sydney City Tour from $80 per person
- Sydney & Blackett's Lake from $110
- Fortress of Louisbourg from $120
- Baddeck and Bell Museum from $130
- East Coast Cabot Trail/Ingonish from $170
- The Cabot Trail Scenic Discovery Tour from $270 per person.

Conditions:

These are published starting prices and should not be interpreted as the company's actual historical revenue.

Vehicles:

E(1) VEHICLES:

- One 15-passenger vehicle not purchased yet.
- One 24-passenger vehicle not purchased yet.