

NOVA SCOTIA REGULATORY AND APPEALS BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE MOTOR CARRIER ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSPORT ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION of BLUENOSE TRANSIT INCORPORATED
for approval to amend Motor Carrier License No. P03282 and Extra Provincial Operating License No. XP03407

BEFORE:



Marc L. Dunning, P.Eng., LL.B., Member

DECISION AND ORDER

Bluenose Transit Incorporated applied to the Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board on February 9, 2026, for approval to amend Motor Carrier License No. P03282 and Extra-Provincial Operating License No. XP03407 by replacing current rates with new rates listed in attached Appendix "A" to operate under existing authorities. Approval was also sought to amend Motor Carrier License No. P03282 by adding one (1) 48-passenger vehicle and one (1) 52-passenger vehicle to operate under existing authorities; and to amend Extra-Provincial Operating License No. XP03407 by adding one (1) 20-passenger vehicle to operate under existing authorities.

Notice of the Application was published in the Royal Gazette on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, and Notice provided to the industry. There were no objections received by the stated deadline of March 4, 2026.

The application was considered by the Board without a hearing on March 9, 2026.

Having considered the *Motor Carrier Act*, including the factors set out in s. 13, the Board finds it is in the public interest to approve the application.

The Board approves the application and orders that the licenses be amended, as noted above, effective immediately.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 9th day of March 2026.

Pamela McGarrigle

Clerk of the Board

Appendix "A"

Schedule D(1) RATES

| | Mini Coach 20-24 | Semi Coach 36 | Activity Bus 47-52 |
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| Live Rates (per km) | \$2.00 | \$2.40 | \$2.20 |
| Deadhead (per km) | \$2.00 | \$2.40 | \$2.20 |
| Daily Rate (per day) | \$1,000.00 | \$1,200.00 | \$1,100.00 |
| Hourly Rate (per hour) | \$100.00 | \$120.00 | \$110.00 |
| Minimum Charge | \$400.00 | \$480.00 | \$440.00 |
| Wait Time | \$65.00 | \$65.00 | \$65.00 |
| Layover Rate | \$550.00 | \$550.00 | \$550.00 |

Additional driver costs if over hours of service and additional driver is required.

Terms and Conditions:

Single day charter = greater of kilometers and/or hourly (minimum) daily rate.

Multi day charter = greater of kilometers and/or hourly (minimum) daily rate.

Equipment Point is 6293 Hwy 1 Cambridge, Nova Scotia.

Minimum of four passengers required.

All prices listed are in \$CAD and are exclusive of HST.

Road tolls, airport fees, ferry fees and admission to attractions are not included.

A 50% deposit for charters is required upon booking.

Cancellation Policy:

If notice of cancellation is received less than 14 days in advance of the scheduled start time, there will be no refund of deposit.

If notice of cancellation is given more than 14 days in advance of the scheduled start time, there will be a full refund of deposit.

Discounts/Commissions:

At the discretion of Bluenose Transit Incorporated, it may grant discounts/commissions up to 20%, subject to minimum charter rates.

Fuel Adjustment Mechanism (FAM):

The FAM will apply to the base charter price charged to the customer. The base fuel price is the June 2019 monthly average Wholesale Diesel (Rack) Price in Kentville (\$.723/L) as tracked by the Natural Resources Canada (NRCan). The FAM will increase the base charter prices by 1% for every five cents per litre that the NRCan average weekly Wholesale Diesel (Rack) prices in Kentville vary from the base fuel price. The FAM will be estimated at the time of the charter price is quote (not more than 5% over the current rate). The actual rate will be applied at the time of charter.