

DATED THIS 21st DAY OF August, 2025

DECISION AND ORDER

Pamela McGarrigle

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Pamela E. McGarrigle, Clerk of the Board
Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board

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 **KINGS TRANSIT AUTHORITY** for
amendment to its Motor Carrier Licence P02825

BEFORE:  Bruce H. Fisher, MPA, CPA, Member

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Kings Transit Authority applied to the Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board on July 4, 2025, for approval to amend its Motor Carrier Licence No. P02825 to remove the fixed route service within the Town of Digby, Nova Scotia on Route 5E (Weymouth to Cornwallis) and Route 5W (Cornwallis to Weymouth), such that the revised route will no longer travel through the Town of Digby, effective August 1, 2025.

Notice of the application was published in the Royal Gazette on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, and notice provided to the industry. There were objections from five members of the public, received by the due date of July 30, 2025, that disagreed with the elimination of Routes 5E and 5W. The Board also received three letters of comment.

The Board held a preliminary hearing in the matter on July 28, 2025, to clarify whether the Town of Digby would continue to fund Motor Carrier Licence P02825. The Town of Digby confirmed in the hearing that it will not fund Routes 5E and 5W.

Notification of the public hearing was advertised in the Clare Shopper, posted on the Town of Digby's website and other social media outlets, and posted on Kings Transit Authority buses, their website and other social media.

The application, evidence and submissions were considered by the Board in an online hearing on Thursday, August 21, 2025. The Town of Digby did not object to the application. In the Board's view a lack of sustainable funding from the Town of Digby, or comparable funds from another source, negatively affects the "quality and permanence of the service" and the "fitness, willingness and ability" of the Kings Transit Authority to "provide proper service" to the Town of Digby.

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 Motor Carrier Licence No. P02825 be amended accordingly, effective September 1, 2025.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 21st day of August 2025.

Pamela McGarrigle

Clerk of the Board