



Item No. 12.1

## Request for Council's Consideration

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Included on Agenda</b><br>(Submitted to Municipal<br>Clerk's Office by Noon<br>Thursday) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Added Item</b><br>(Submitted to Municipal<br>Clerk's Office by Noon<br>Monday) | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Request from the Floor</b> |
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**Date of Council Meeting: August 16, 2011**

**Subject: Penhorn Bus Terminal and Notice to Vacate**

**Motion for Council to Consider:  
Information Item**

**Reason: Informing Council of Changes**

Metro Transit was recently notified officially by the Penhorn Mall owners, ECL Properties Ltd., that the designated Park & Ride lot adjacent to the transit terminal will be required to be permanently closed, effective September 1, 2011, due to upcoming construction on the site. Metro Transit staff have been working with ECL Properties and adjacent property owners to try to secure alternative short and long-term parking space for the Park & Ride, however at this time there is no viable alternative.

ECL Properties offered only one temporary alternative on site, which would have required Metro Transit to pay for the re-connection of overhead lighting, asphalt repairs and repainting of parking stalls to their standards, for a cost of over \$10,000. However, ECL could only guarantee the availability of the temporary site up to Dec. 31, 2011, due to upcoming development of that area of the parking lot as well; this was not deemed to be a good investment for an extension of only four months.

Metro Transit's Penhorn Terminal will continue to operate as usual as it is situated on HRM-owned property adjacent to the mall. A Communication Plan is being implemented immediately to ensure Penhorn Park & Ride users, and other Metro Transit passengers have as much notice as possible of the impending lot closure.

**Outcome Sought:**

**To Inform Council and the Public of changes to the Penhorn Park & Ride as of September 1, 2011.**

Councillor McCluskey

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