



## **Toll increase for MACPASS customers**

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### **Halifax Harbour Bridges reminds MACPASS customers of second and final toll increase**

Dartmouth, NS – Halifax Harbour Bridges (HHB) reminds MACPASS customers that beginning 12:01am Sunday, April 1 the cost to cross the two harbour bridges will increase.

On January 27, 2011 the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board (NSUARB) approved HHB's request for a toll increase in two phases. The first increase came into effect April 1, 2011. The second and final increase comes into effect April 1, 2012. Regular passenger vehicles and light trucks using MACPASS will pay \$0.10 more - \$0.80 versus \$0.70. A full toll chart is attached.

This increase applies to MACPASS customers only. The full amount of the increase for cash paying customers came into effect April 1, 2011. Regular passenger vehicles and light trucks still pay \$1 cash.

HHB is a user pay provincial agency and receives no money from the provincial government. "Maintaining these critical pieces of infrastructure are of utmost importance to HHB and this increase, in conjunction with what was approved in 2011, will help fund significant capital projects that are planned for the next several years," explains Steve Snider, general manager and CEO.

"For people still using cash to cross the bridges we recommend switching to MACPASS because it is still significantly less expensive," says Snider. "MACPASS for passenger cars will be \$0.20 less than cash. It's less expensive, faster and better for the environment."

With more than 33 million crossings each year HHB's mission is to provide safe, efficient and reliable cross harbour transportation infrastructure at an appropriate cost.

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