

- 1) **Round Table** – Each member of the group identified their connection with Saskatoon’s Transit service, and the effects of the strike on their daily life.
- 2) **Creating a decision-making process:**
 - a. Consensus, Consensus with formal rules “Rusty’s Rules”, Robert’s Rules, and Dot Voting, presented by Rob Caballero with input from the group
 - b. Committee Groups might be formed, creating more need for more rules
 - c. Decisions:
 - i. The group seemed to decide to have consensus with formal rules, to use Dot Voting when possible
 - ii. Strong Facilitators are necessary
 - iii. Time sensitivity important in order to respect members’ other commitments
 - iv. The group decided that a 2/3 agreement is necessary to take a position on the strike
 - v. More discussion may occur on this in the future, as the group grows
 - vi. Meetings are an ideal place to discuss subcommittee reports
- 3) **Roles** – Some are to be determined, and many might require more than one person. Please volunteer for a position that you feel you can do.
 - a. Google Group Manager
 - b. Facilitators
 - c. Social Media Manager
 - d. Media contacts
 - e. Outreach to community & advocate to provide referrals - Tina
 - f. Person(s) to sit in on standing policy committee (city)
 - g. Person(s) to be a liaison with the transit union
 - h. City Council meeting attendees
 - i. Phone contact
 - j. Research of bylaws, other bus riders' groups etc. -Marianne
 - k. Web Page Manager
 - l. Story Collector(s)
 - m. Overseeing committees
 - n. Research on Binding Arbitration – Cameron
 - o. Story Collector – Nicole
 - p. Web Page Manager – Nicole
 - q. Person(s) to oversee committees
- 4) **Bus Rider of Saskatoon’s position on the Transit Lockout**
 - a. Essential Services
 - i. There are a number of people that do not qualify for Access Transit, as there are a number of conditions for these individuals. Therefore, there is a large segment of people who need transit service, making our transit service essential
 - ii. The Bus Service could arguably be considered essential, though if the province deemed this to be so, it might take away the transit worker’s ability to strike at a time years from now, and taking away their ability to create pressure at a different date
 - iii. We might need to consult a lawyer to understand the potential for pushing for transit to be an “essential service”
 - iv. Further discussion might be necessary, though we want to discuss more ideas with diminishing time
 - b. Discussion of Bus Riders' Position on Lock-out:
 - i. Goals of riders & drivers are aligned

- ii. Missing opportunity to have informed second opinion (if we distance ourselves from the transit union)
- iii. Union needs to respect riders' needs – fear of union's decisions
- iv. If we align with one side, we may lose our ability to work as a distinct group
- v. What opinions are available and what terms
- vi. More power for our cause if there are two voices from us and the union
- vii. Independent voice but considering transit union
- viii. We have ideas to share with both sides
- ix. Fair deal for transit union but stay out of details, don't comment on the proposals
 - x. We need support of whole community – aligning with union might deter other citizens if this is to be long-term
 - xi. If city doesn't pay competitive wages, we will lose employees (eg. Mechanics)
 - xii. Respect for whole community
 - xiii. We can be independent while siding –
 - xiv. We will naturally align, but publicizing this is confusing.
- c. Votes:
 - i. Ally our group with the union: 8 votes
 - ii. Support the transit workers, without directly supporting the union: 2 votes
 - iii. Neutral on city/union situation, and support riders only: 7 votes
 - iv. Ally with the city: 0 votes

5) Parking Lot ideas:

- a. CATO committee
- b. Executive should be selected – though there should be no union members or city representatives in these positions
- c. Information in binding arbitration

6) Message & Stance:

- a. The group agreed that at this time we will not take a position on the labour dispute. We agreed that no one wants a lockout and no one wants the service to return to the status quo after this is over. We will speak on the experience of riders and how it is impacting people.

7) Next meeting:

- a. Our group needs more information before taking a position: neutral, union, city, arbitration, etc.
- b. We will endeavour to gain information from a union representative and a representative from the city at the meeting, before having more time to clearly discuss the group's position.
- c. The time is tentatively proposed for Tuesday, October 7th, at 7 pm. Location is to be determined.