

# Bus Riders of Saskatoon

## Meeting Minutes

### December 11, 2016

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Present: Cameron, Stephan, Wes, Robert, Lila, Brett, Mairi, Katya  
Regrets: Michael, Peter

#### 1. Meeting open:

- Introduction
- Mission, vision, and group norms

#### 2. Adoption of last meeting's minutes – November 13, 2016

- Will be posted to website
- Cam will contact Cynthia Block to confirm we do not miss-quote her in the minutes

#### 3. Committee Updates

##### a. Finance

- Bank total remains at \$325.02
- Stephan would like reimbursement for web registration, a total of \$21.21; motion carried

##### b. Online

- Calendar continues to be updated
- 150 new members to the Facebook group since August

##### c. City

- Cam reports that Transit explained that route cancellations are difficult to manage, as Transit does not often know until the morning of if someone will call in sick. This is the reason for chaotic re-routing
- High school service gets cancelled before regular routes
- Brett reports that the Better Good has agreed to be available as ticket vendors on Broadway. Wes suggests that The Stand could also be approached.

- Next City meeting: Friday, December 16
- Cam, Brett, and Peter will attend, Lila as a sub-in

d. Media

- Cam was on air with CBC on Monday, December 5 with two other regular riders
- Mairi had a few small interviews regarding the Transit dispute, and maintained the Bus Riders neutral stance

4. Correspondence

- Peter met with Customer Engagement manager at Transit for “tutoring” idea to teach new riders how to use the bus
- Great for high schoolers and new comers!
- Wes has made email/phone contact list to keep us organized; this will help to keep us in contact with each other as active members

5. New Business

a. Standing Policy Committee on Transportation

- Cam attended the last meeting
  - Discussion on free evenings would mean a need for a change of software on the buses to keep track of riders, if they are not paying
- Stephan, Lila and Robert will make sure to get reports/motions, in order to keep moving forward

b. Communications with Traffic Safety Committee

- Discussed extending the camera loop on campus security, text-based help line, and an ad campaign for public safety
- Consultants have been given the ideas and will return with their decisions
- Cam will contact Josie Steeves to ask for YXE Let’s Talk reports, and will invite her to our January meeting

c. City of Saskatoon and ATU dispute

- There is not much we can do to keep our service updates more non-partisan than they are at present
- Robert turns off comments to reduce filler and keep the posts in timeline order
  - Decided that this will be a standard for posts on service updates
  - December 13 vote – we will not know the City and ATU’s decision until after

d. Town Hall/Public Q+A

- If dispute continues, we could consider hosting a public Q+A/rider forum but the logistical issues may inhibit us from doing so
  - We will revisit this idea in the new year, if the dispute is ongoing

e. Shaping Saskatoon

- Cam attended Imagine Idylwyld last month as a representative of Bus Riders
  - The event was more focused to pedestrian needs than transit
  - Online survey ended December 8
- City Centre Plan
  - Bus mall may be moved or removed, as routes shift to circular, rather than hub-and-spoke model – this also necessitates a shift in riders’ mindsets
  - More regimentation of routes means more timepoint splits, meaning making up time in shorter intervals more frequently
- Civic Advisory Board
  - Wes suggests we Encourage our membership to sign on so that everyone can have surveys they send out --Wes will send Cam the link to post in the Facebook group

f. Ticket Vendor on Broadway

- The Better Good has agreed they are willing to be Broadway vendors
- Suggested that Transit could also approach The Stand

g. Access Transit

- We should develop relationship with Access
- Transit is trying to make all busses more accessible, so there is less need to rely on Access Transit
- Robert will attend the next Accessibility Advisory meeting

h. Next Meeting: January 8, 2017

- YXE Let's Talk invitation, otherwise, Councilor Bev Dubois
- Meeting at the Roy Romanov Council Chambers, on campus in the Place Riel Student Centre
- Jeff Jackson and Mairi will be co-facilitating