

Meeting Minutes
Bus Riders of Saskatoon
August 20, 2018 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Mulberry's on 3rd Avenue

Present: Louis, Peter, Robert, Tom, Lila, Curt

1. Introductions and Group Norms
2. Finalization of Agenda
3. Review of June 13 minutes - accepted
4. Review of July 19 minutes - accepted
5. Financial Report: Bank balance remains at \$292. 82. Peter has signed forms; has Cam?
6. Business arising from the minutes
 - 6.1 Interact Research Study (Margot Gough with Interact). Discussion and decision to repost description on our Facebook page.
7. City of Saskatoon Meetings (July 23rd and August 20th):
 - 7.1 Biggest issue was the allegation that we were generating a “huge number of complaints” to the City. We understand that there is no such huge number of complaints and Transit prefers to hear complaints so they can address them appropriately. If people complain on Facebook, we say they should phone the City. (We don't support bad practice).
 - 7.2 Discussed various problems with route changes: added runs in Sutherland as a result of complaints and concerns.
 - 7.3 Route 65: haven't budgeted enough time to travel the route.
 - 7.4 Route 808: Pilot project (808 route) extended until at least Nov. 30, 2018. The group felt that this has been poorly executed. Is this set up to fail? (45 minute loop runs only one way; poor transfer to it; only runs from 10:00 until 2:00).
 - 7.5 Discussion of “tweaking routes: - Some further tweaks will come after school starts, but some changes have been made and are ongoing. Problems with people staying updated.
 - 7.6 Our critique of the Transit brochure was not well received by Transit.
8. Active Transportation Advisory Group Report – tabled until next meeting
9. Actions and Action Plans for 2017-18
 - 9.1 2018 City budget – completed
 - 9.2 HDRC/BRT – Actions

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- 9.2.1 Meeting with other councillors: Curt to set up with Darren Hill
- 9.2.2 FAQ sheet: BRT - 13 Myths: Addressing misinformation.
- 9.2.3 Discussion of need for Transit's assistance in fact checking our information – Robert will send list to Allison
- 9.2.4 We could put these on FB one at a time for feedback.
- 9.2.5 Robert will send the sheet out to us to write our thoughts.
- 9.2.6 Language should be formal but easily comprehensible.
- 9.3 Vision Loss – Tabled until fall
- 9.4 Safety Report – also tabled; must get this going again asap.
- 9.5 Fare/ Schedule Review – ongoing: Peter working on this.

10. Other Business

- 10.1 Bus stop closure and detours for street/sidewalk repairs: Peter talked to Jay Magus: assigned someone to look at this problem (an engineer who will contact Peter about this).
- 10.2 Robert explained how road closures affect buses and we talked about how some of this work is contracted out and bus stops may have been mistakenly closed.
- 10.3 What do people think of specific BRT details?

11. Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 7:00, Sept 18 at Mulberry's.