

Bus Riders of Saskatoon  
Meeting Minutes  
October 16, 2018 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
Mulberry's on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

Facilitator: Robert

Note Taker: Curt

Attendees: Robert, Lila, Louis, Melissa, Doug, Curt

1. Introductions and Group Norms reminder
2. Finalization of Agenda
3. Review of minutes of September 18 meeting.
4. Financial report: no change; \$292.82 balance.
5. Business arising from the last meeting.

5.1. Discussion with City re: construction delays and detours

Peter talked to Jay Magus (maintenance division). They set up a meeting (attended by Peter, Curt and Robert) where City staff explained that the City contracts many street repairs and the workers set up the signage that may impact mass transportation. The closures of stops on 8<sup>th</sup> Street were discussed. The need for better communication between Maintenance and Transit was emphasized. Discussion ended with the result that City will try to be more efficient in the future.

5.2. CFCR – People with Disabilities Speak Out: CEO Debbie Windsor, would like someone to speak on her show; Doug will do so.

5.3. Website Update: This is a work on progress. We need some recent content and there are still some gaps with minutes.

6. City of Saskatoon Meetings

6.1. Report from meeting on Sept. 24 – Peter not present to report in person but the meeting minutes are available on website

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- 6.2. Agenda/Representatives for next meeting, Oct. 22, 2018: Peter's draft list of topics was accepted: crowded buses, ongoing route problems, Transit app., detours and construction delays, HDR project. Peter, Lila & Doug to attend. Curt and Robert on standby.
7. Active Transportation – Curt will go to next meeting.
8. Actions and Action Plans 2018 – 2019
  - 8.1. 2019 City budget; Budget arrives in November, we wait until then to react.
  - 8.2. HDRC/BRT – Actions
    - 8.2.1. Meetings with other councillors – City wishes for a new protocol for BRT, one where our group meets with City Council as a group and presents rather than discusses.
    - 8.2.2. FAQ Sheet – still no answers regarding the myths that are being spread.
    - 8.2.3. Upcoming public engagement meetings to be held on Broadway and Downtown:
  - 8.3. Vision Loss Committee: Doug suggests to wait until new equipment comes out in Dec./Jan. before bringing concerns to Council.
  - 8.4. Safety Report: On hold for now.
  - 8.5. Fare/Schedule Review: How to get a poverty pass? Peter is in consultation with Allison.
9. Other Business
  - 9.1. Safety Audit for BRT Station Urban Design called Robert re: design of Ave. P and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street shelter. Lila to participate in this.
  - 9.2. Governance and Priorities Committee

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- 9.2.1. October 15<sup>th</sup>- 12 presentations on BRT – mostly negative mostly concerned about the “ambience” of neighbourhoods where BRT would be placed
- 9.2.2. Some of the new high-density housing developers seem to be promoting BRT; some more vocal merchants and members of the Heritage Society are opposed
- 9.3. Access Transit
  - 9.3.1. Transit's plan seems to be to reserve Access service more for wheelchairs and significantly impaired persons within 4 years as system improvements are made. Access is subsidized by provincial gov't in 2018.
  - 9.3.2. The feeling is that currently, many people who could take the bus are using Access because it's more convenient to book a ride and although they need to book seven days for it to come.
- 10. Next meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2018, at Mulberry's at 7:00 pm.