Minutes

Bus Riders of Saskatoon October 26, 2017 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm Saskatoon Food Bank

Facilitator: Robert Clipperton

Recorder: Peter Gallén

- 1. Introductions: Present were Robert Clipperton, Peter Gallén, Lila Wagner, Stephan Simon and first-time participant, Kyle Foster.
- 2. Group Norms: Lila read the group norms.
- 3. Finalization of Agenda: Item 6.3 was added.
- 4. Minutes of September Meeting: Approved unanimously.
- 5. Financial Report: Bank balance is still \$294.82.
- 6. Urgent Business
 - 6.1. Appointment of Media Representative: With regret we heard that Michael Schwandt is moving away; Robert Clipperton was approved unanimously as our new Media Representative.
 - 6.2. Appointment of Signing Authority: The motion to replace Michael Schwandt with Peter Gallén to have Signing Authority for BRS's bank account was approved unanimously.
 - 6.3. Appointment of ATAG Representative (the City's Active Transportation Advisory Group): With regret we heard that Lila Wagner will resign all her duties in BRS, including ATAG representative; Stephan Simon was approved unanimously as our new ATAG Representative. Lila will provide him with contact information and handouts to date.

7. City of Saskatoon Transit Meetings

7.1. Report from Last Meeting: Peter handed out Transit's new Lost & Found policy for comments and highlighted Transit's actions on the Highschool Student issue earlier this fall; he also mentioned the ongoing work

- on Alerts/PSAs/News and mentioned that BRS has requested a meeting with HDR Corporation (see item 7.3 below).
- 7.2. Next Meeting Representatives and Agenda: Peter, Kyle and Stephan volunteered; tentative date: Friday, 24 November 2017 @ 3:30. Proposed agenda items: Thanks to Transit for improving transit stop at Westgate Plaza (22nd & Whitney); bring up issue with 'stroller seats' in buses not folding up. Other potential agenda items to be forwarded to Peter by email.
- 7.3. Meeting with HDRC: For the proposed meeting with HDR Corporation (the City's consultant on Bus Rapid Transit and the Conventional Transit Network; see September & October minutes of BRS-Transit meetings), Peter handed out a draft list of topics and questions. Peter solicited feedback by email ASAP on his proposal, so that the document can be finalized and submitted to Transit at our next meeting. It should be noted that the issue is in the hands of Transit, but we hope that the meeting will take place in December. Peter, Robert and Stephan have shown an interest in attending such a meeting.
- 8. Active Transportation Committee Report: Lila reported that she had attended the second ATAG meeting a few hours earlier. That meeting had been poorly attended and dealt in small groups with Monitoring aspects of the Active Transportation Plan; Lila's group dealt with Safety issues and she had taken up the issue of safety on buses, which is not currently included in the list of issues to be monitored. The first monthly meeting had mainly dealt with administrative issues and introduction of the participants to each other.
- 9. Actions and Action Plans for 2017-2018
 - 9.1. 2018 City budget: A number of potential topics were discussed; Robert agreed to prepare a draft submission and send it around by email for prior review/comments with the intent of presenting it to Council either in person and/or in written form at the appropriate budget meeting.
 - 9.2. HDRC: As mentioned above, BRS is preparing a list of topics we would like to discuss with HDR Corporation; Peter will continue to encourage Transit to arrange the meeting.

- 9.3. Fare / schedule review: Transit has completed a so-called Fare Review a while back and intends to present it to Council/Committee in November. We will plan our action after we are able to see the results of this review.
- 10. Other business: None
- 11. Date, time and place for next meeting: Tuesday, 5 December 2017 @ 7:00 9:00 at the Saskatoon Food Bank. Facilitator and Recorder: TBD; Robert will book the space.