

Bus Riders of Saskatoon
Regular Meeting – July 19, 2018
Mulberry's Bakery Café & Pub
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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

1. Agenda was adopted as circulated.

2. July 1st Route Changes – Observations and Actions

- discussion of the following issues that have been reported on our Facebook page

- issues with transfers

- #60/65 to #26

- #11 to #39

- #4

- Problems with Central Avenue. Service is now 30 minutes and not 15 minutes south of 108th

- problem with service to Innovation Place has now been ameliorated.

- #808 – Pilot to run until August 31 but it doesn't appear that there has been much usage – issues could be that it only runs for a short period each day and that it is difficult to use as a result of detours (long running time).

2. BRT: Observations from June 20th Governance and Priorities Session and Further Action

- discussion of comments made by various presenters – there seems to be a lot of misinformation about BRT

- Council members expressed concern about the lack of a clear position from the Broadway merchants – BID indicated BRT was an opportunity although there were concerns. Three Broadway merchants presented a much more negative view of BRT on Broadway.

- Some downtown merchants expressed a preference for BRT to run on 1st Avenue rather than 3rd Avenue – we believe that 3rd Avenue makes more sense from a transit point of view.

- Bob Dutchak and Chris Schultz seem to be the people in City Hall who know what's actually being done to address the concerns raised by the BIDs and perhaps we need to ask to meet with one of them

- it was suggested that we should develop a FAQ sheet to address common misconceptions regarding BRT

3. Meeting with Saskatoon Transit – Monday July 23rd

1.1 Items for discussion

- 1.1.1 The complaint process – it has been alleged that Transit has been overwhelmed by frivolous and unfounded complaints and that Bus Riders has contributed to this by encouraging people to use the online complaint mechanism – seek clarification from Transit

- 1.1.2 Policy clarification – wheelchair passengers – what is the expectation for drivers?

- 1.1.3 Dedicated bus lanes – how will operate in practice?

1.2 Representatives – Peter, Robert, Jim.

4. Other business

4.1 Margot Gough's study

- Peter was a participant in the pilot and noted that there were some problems with consistency concerning clarity of options and answers. He will discuss this with Margot.

5. Date of Next Meeting: August 20th.