

Bus Riders of Saskatoon
Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2018 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Mulberry's on 3rd Avenue

Present: Lila, Peter, Robert, Kyle, Louie, and Curt

Facilitator: Robert Clipperton Recorder: Curt McCoshen

1. Introductions

2. Group Norms: (see below) Robert read the group norms.

3. Finalization of Agenda: Louis was added to the agenda as 11.2

4. Review of minutes of April 17, 2018 Meeting

5. Financial Report: Bank balance is \$292.82.

5.1 In order to receive electronic rather than paper statements, Peter and Cam will need to go to the Broadway branch of Affinity Credit Union to sign an authorization form.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes: None

7. City of Saskatoon Meetings

7.1 Community Association Consultation – May 15th

- Robert attended this meeting and reported that there appears to be some response to public feedback on proposed feeder routes. Lila inquired as the future of the route serving senior's buildings along 24th Street. Robert said he had brought this to the attention of the planners.

- Latest BRT design components seems to be:

- College: 3 stops in front of the University at Munroe, Cumberland and a third planned for further east in the future. The plan is to discontinue buses into the area right in front of Place Riel.

- Downtown: Plan to convert 23rd Street to angle parking on one side. The total number of parking spots lost is 9, mostly between 19th and 20th. Angle parking on 20th Street between 3rd and 4th Avenues is a possibility.

- Broadway Ave: current plan shows loss of 18 parking spots. Due to new bridge, there will be less traffic and although there'll only be one lane, the traffic will actually move more quickly because of better synchronization of traffic lights. There are concerns about disruption to business due to construction because of so much road repair in recent years.

- Other: Feeder lines are still tentative. Lila noted that there is talk of reducing the number of stops along 20th Street. This is likely to be feature of feeder lines all over the city. - Year 1, the investment will be in technology: light co-ordination, cables, etc. In years 2 and 3, stations and actual runways will be constructed.

7.2 Agenda items and participants for next meeting – Monday May 28th

- Peter, Curt and Kyle slated to attend

- Potential agenda items

- new frequent transit on the east side.

- lack of coordination between City departments around closed road on Acadia for work on the road for the new cinemas.
- Transit mission statement and 5 year plan
- fare review
- media report that the provincial government would like to divert monies from the federal government which might be used to help fund transportation.

8. Active Transportation Advisory Group Report – no report

9. Actions and Action Plans for 2017-2018

9.1 2018 City budget - completed

9.2 HDRC/BRT - Actions

9.2.1 Presentation to Governance and Priorities Committee – June 20th

- each presenter is allowed 5 minutes – it is likely that all that will be presented is information on dedicated lanes and specific BRT routes
- should try to coordinate with Saskatoon Cycles as there are numbers of summer cyclists that take the bus in the winter
- Saskatoon Environmental Society(?) – Robert will contact them to see if there is interest
- Walk Saskatoon has a stake but it's generally probably more concerned with such things as snow removal.
- Peter is interested in making a personal presentation
- Robert will be away. Curt could present whatever BRS puts together

9.2.2 Downtown Parking Counts – no report

9.2.4 Councillor Meetings

- Curt is attempting to set up a meeting with Councillor Dubois. Attempts will be to meet with Jeffries and Iwanchuk after that.

10. Action Group Reports

10.1 Vision Loss – tabled until fall

10.2 Safety Report – tabled until summer

10.3 Fare/Schedule Review – work will continue

11. Other business

11.1 Town Hall Meetings (Ward 9 -June 12 and Ward 8 May 23rd)

- agreed that members should attend and ask questions regarding transit

11.2 Louis reported on continuing struggles with a specific driver: he's sent a letter to Transit and things seem to have improved.

12. Date, time and place for next meeting: Wednesday June 13, 2018 at 7:00 at Mulberry's.

Group Norms

All people are explicitly welcome and respected in our meetings and we will strive to include and represent the interests and varying perspectives of riders. We appreciate that we are all volunteers and that we are all learning and doing the best we can in our roles. We bring different life experiences and values to the table but what we share is a desire to work for positive change in our transit system. We aim to achieve changes in the short-term while keeping a long-view in mind and agree to engage constructively and respectfully and not just within the group but also with decision-makers, the media and the general public.

In meetings, we agree to keep comments respectful and brief and respect the role of the meeting facilitator(s) who may need to cut us off from time to time to keep the conversation on track and on time. We will avoid tangents and side-bar conversations and speak one at a time. We will do our best to be accountable for what we take on and will try not to let each other down. If we have committed to a task and can't complete it in a timely manner, we agree that we will pass the task to someone else in the group. When we feel someone is not abiding by these norms, we will gently let them know. Repeated violations of the group norms by any member will be brought to the group to discuss.