

Bus Riders of Saskatoon  
Meeting Minutes  
December 18, 2018 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
Mulberry's on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

Facilitator: Robert

Attendees: Peter, Melissa, Wes, Louis, Jim, Lila, Doug, Stephan

Note Taker: Curt

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1. Introduction and group norms
2. Finalization of Agenda
3. Review of and amendment to draft minutes of November 18, 2018 meeting
4. Financial Report:
  - 4.1. Balance remains at \$292.82
5. Business arising from the last meeting.
  - 5.1. CFCR – People with Disabilities Speak Out:      No word yet. Robert to remind radio they were going to contact Doug. This program airs on Thursdays at 7:00 pm.
  - 5.2. Website Update:
    - 5.2.1. Current webhosting provided by Rob Butz. The reseller pricing structure Rob currently has will be changing. We will need to migrate to a new webhost. Cost options are \$5 or \$10 depending on the host. Contact person is Rob Butz. Stephan has been able to maintain site thus far. WordPress is the content management system. Minutes are pdf. Last blog was sent to Stephan and will be linked between FB and the website.
    - 5.2.2. Clinkskill Manor Petition:
      - From last meeting, Avenue B and 19th Street bus shelter. Petition has gone to City. Robert to contact initiator of the petition. Discussion about the role of BRS in something like this. BRS will discuss with City representatives at next meeting.

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5.2.3. U of S Bus Rider Group (proposed):

- Benefits of free meeting space, funding, and connection with a large group of bus riders. Possible connections: Curt (son) and Doug (student). Curt to contact them (Brent, VP) to discuss. Doug to draft contact message in the next few weeks.

5.2.4. Bloomberg Project:

- Peter to go to New York (Jan. 12 - 18), along with several others. People have already come out here from New York for initial workshop and meetings. Other people include a representative from the City, member of the Chamber, and two others.

5.2.5. Meeting with ATU:

- Robert had a brief interchange with someone from ATU (transit union). Discussion - how best to approach this connection?  
Answer: same way as with City.

6. City of Saskatoon Meetings:

6.1. Report from Dec. 16 meeting attended by Peter, Robert, and Doug. Discussion of upcoming changes to bus routes (#11 interlining with #30, etc.) Discussion of Facebook communication.

6.2. Next meeting scheduled for Monday, January 28, 2019

6.2.1. Peter will create agenda

6.2.2. Attendees TBD

7. Active Transportation Advisory Group report:

7.1. Curt attended his first meeting. Still orientating to other group members and topics. ATAG reports to sub-committee on active transportation planning. ATAG generally is approached by City asking for feedback on technical details of their work and plans; sidewalks, snow removal, etc.

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7.2. Next meeting scheduled for January 30, 2019

8. Actions and Action Plans for 2018 – 2019:

8.1. 2019 City Budget:

8.1.1. Discussion on Councillor Darren Hill's motion at City Council to cut 2019 Transit proposed operating budget increase of \$200K to be only \$100K. This was defeated 6 to 5. Lack of appropriate funding is largely responsible for overcrowding and inflexibility with transit service.

8.2. HDRC/BRT Actions:

8.2.1. Meetings with other City Councillors: Gersher at 10:00 am at Mulberry's on January 8, 2019.

8.2.2. FAQ sheet: Some of the concerns may not be up to date. Peter will try to set up a meeting with someone on the City's growth team to discuss some of the technical aspects.

8.2.3. BRT public consultations:

- Frustration over the lack of efficient advertising, difficulty finding the venues
- No data collected on who participated or why they did. 83% were held during working hours, even though one councillor reported that 50% were held on weekends or evenings.

8.2.4. Governance and Priorities Committee:

- Meets January 28, 2019
- Lila to present in regards to the number of condo and apartment residents who would benefit from the proposed 3rd Avenue route.

8.3. Disability Access Committee:

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8.3.1. Doug will be able to move forward on this in 2019

8.4. Safety Report:

8.4.1. Not being pursued until after BRT is settled

8.5. Fare / Schedule review:

8.5.1. Peter has compiled information, since City has no such information.

9. Other Businesses:

9.1. From Louis: anecdote regarding being ignored while in plain sight at a bus stop in Rosewood. Also reports of this happening on the 808 route as well.

9.2. General Discussion:

9.2.1. Demographics of ridership. Very little actual information

9.2.2. Discussion of costs of bussing when using large versus small buses.

9.2.3. Discussion of ride sharing in the future

9.2.4. Longer walks to and from stops in future due to changes in transit

9.2.5. Discussion of poor access to stops, slopes, slippery in winter, inefficient snow removal. Some cities use "cattle grate" at some stops for better pedestrian traction, safer underfoot.

9.2.6. Discussion of BRS blog and possible topic: Driver attitudes.

9.2.7. Interesting statistic: Transit had 44 new hires chosen out of a pool of 3,177 applicants.

10. Next meeting January 8, 2019, 7:00 pm at Mulberry's