

Bus Riders of Saskatoon
Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2018 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Mulberry's on 3rd Avenue

Facilitator: Robert

Note Taker: Curt

Attendees: Robert, Peter, Louis, Lila, Doug, Melissa, Curt. Regrets: Jim

1. Introductions and Group Norms reminder
2. Finalization of Agenda
3. Review of minutes of October 16, 2018 meeting.
4. Financial report: no change; \$292.82 balance.
5. Business arising from the last meeting.
 - 5.1. CFCR – People with Disabilities Speak Out: CEO Debbie Windsor, would like someone to speak on her show; Doug will do so.
 - 5.2. Website Update:
 - 5.2.1. No content updates since 2016
 - 5.2.2. Curt to write something in the coming weeks
 - 5.2.3. Gaps remain in minutes from several months ago, when Cam's computer crashed. Robert to see if he has a copy.
 - 5.3. BRT Station Design:
 - 5.3.1. 22nd Street and Avenue P (report from Lila).
 - Matthew McEachern went also.
 - This was a response to a request from City of Saskatoon Urban Design.
 - Factors included safety concerns, difficult-to-see signage, high volume of ridership.

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- This meeting was to establish context for station design

6. City of Saskatoon Meetings

- 6.1. Minutes of October 22nd meeting are on our website.
- 6.2. Concerns to bring forth for the next meeting on November 22nd:
 - Sutherland buses still over-full, but less so.
 - Route 11 is still not running on time: difficulty getting across traffic circle. Potential solutions: combine 10 and 11; maybe add another bus; shorten route.
 - Buses to University still not efficient.
 - App times are incorrect, depending on which app is used. City has posted that this won't change until 2019 as Transit Master software is being installed
 - Representatives for this meeting will be Peter, Curt, Doug. Brent from the USSU will be part of our contingent

7. Active Transportation Advisory Group:

- 7.1. No report.

8. Actions and Action Plans 2018 – 2019

- 8.1. 2019 City budget: More money needed in the Transit operating budget so that there is flexibility to solve problems such as the #11 and Sutherland. Robert will present to Council Budget Session on Monday using anecdotes supplied by individuals along with their ward number to be given to Robert.
- 8.2. BRT Actions
 - 8.2.1. Meetings with other councillors: Robert to contact Councillor Gersher

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- 8.2.2. FAQ Sheet. A version of the FAQ sheet to be put on website
- 8.2.3. Public engagement sessions: Lila attempted to go to the First Avenue one. Display bus was unmarked, poorly attended. Mall employees did not know about it nor how to find it. Concerns about the usefulness of these initiatives if they cannot be done correctly (so that engagement is successful).

8.3. Vision Loss / Disabilities Committee:

- 8.3.1. Doug to be meeting on this in January.

8.4. Safety Report: On hold for now.

8.5. Fare/Schedule Review: Peter has compiled a synthesis re: school and university fares, reduced cost fares.

9. Other Business

9.1. Meeting with USSU – Peter and Robert met with Brent K. the Vice-President. of Finance. He will attend our next meeting with Transit. Suggestion that we form a student bus rider group at the U of S.

9.2. Bloomberg Project: Peter to be involved as a representative of Bus Riders.

9.3. Clinkskill Manor: Residents have gathered signatures on a petition requesting a shelter on 19th Street near 2nd Avenue.

9.4. Route 808: Seems to be a lack of public awareness of this service. Doesn't seem to be any signage at the hospitals it serves.

9.5. Facebook page: Melissa offered to help moderate. Robert will add her as an administrator. Discussed protocol for this page and whether we need to write and post such protocol.

9.6. Suggested we set up a meeting with ATU. Robert will pursue this.

10. Next meeting: Tuesday, December 18, 2018.