

Bus Riders of Saskatoon
Feb. 12, 2019 (7:00 pm to 9:00 pm)
Mulberry's on 3rd Avenue

Present: Robert, Peter, Lila, Louis, Brent, Melissa, Curt **Regrets:** Bob and Doug

Facilitator: Robert Clipperton

Recorder: Curt McCoshen

1. Introductions and Group Norms

2. Finalization of Agenda

3. Review of Minutes from Jan. 8, 2019 Meeting

4. Financial Report: Bank balance remains at \$292.82.

5. Business arising from the minutes

5.1 CFRCR Interview (Doug) no date extended from the station; we will await further contact.

5.2 Website: meeting with Rob Butz: no date for switch of hosts for website, but Rob will give those wishing, a tutorial on how to manipulate the site (Robert, Peter, Lila, Curt). Date TBD.

5.3 Clinkskill Manor Petition (Louis) – City (Cory) has not received the petition; Robert will seek to expedite this matter with Eva Friesen.

5.4 U of S Bus Rider Group – Discussed how to implement this: generally, a new year (re: funding and membership drive) begins in the fall and groups apply to the U of S to be recognized in late summer, but the beginning of the actual year is May 1. As much as \$1000 is available in funding, and the group requires a constitution, a slate of events and a minimum of 15 members.

5.5 Meeting with ATU – still awaiting contact

5.6 Melissa's survey: discussed how to get info and to approach riders for it; types of questions to be asked; specifics on the purpose of the survey, etc. Peter observed that Fare Review will cause changes in about three years, and a survey of this sort would have impact on it. Brent told us that Bus Riders could put 3 or 4 questions into the University survey which many students answer each year.

6 City of Saskatoon Meetings

6.1 Highlights of Jan. 28th Meeting:

- CUPE strike likely, so buses will not cross picket lines into the university.
- New student passes in 2019 will have embedded student ID cards with bus information.
- Description of protocol for maintenance in buses at the end of each shift
- Kneeling buses: protocol not to kneel colder than -20C because of concerns about freezing in place. To be posted on our FB page.
- Allison to give description of who cleans sidewalks throughout the City. It varies.
- Next meeting: Feb. 25 at 3:30 (Brent, Peter, Lila, Curt).

7. Active Transportation Advisory Group (Curt):

- Curt reported that there has been little activity directly related to Transit.

8. Actions and Action Plans for 2018-2019

8.1 2019 City Budget – completed

8.2 BRT – Actions

8.2.1 Meetings with Councillors

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Lila: Went to meeting with Councillor in Nutana. Various topics discussed: new highrise, garbage pickup. BRT was not.

8.2.1.2 Meeting with Councillor Gough.

This will be set up after Council has made a decision on BRT

8.3 Disability Access Committee (no report in Doug's absence)

8.4 Safety Report – tabled

8.5 Fare/Schedule Review - Peter

- information from Calgary is encouraging. Discussed how to contact, interact with other stakeholders in the city.
- Calgary has streamlined its system to service the poor with regards to transit: much easier to apply, to access, to utilize several services as well as just transit.

8.6 Bloomberg Project

- Meets every two weeks.
- Each of us as members of BRS should give feedback to Peter as he requests it.

9.0 Other Business

9.1 Access Transit

- Bob Eaton sent a written report on his meetings with Bev Dubois and Cynthia Block.
- He feels that seven days to book in advance is too long.
- Discussion of how to have riders with disabilities use regular bus rather than Access to increase service levels.
- Robert will send a copy of Bob's report to other members.

9.2 Pedestrian Crossing – 8th Street and Landsdown

- Tracy Mitchell wrote a letter expressing concern about pedestrians crossing to access buses on 8th Street.
- Tracy's concern will be brought to the attention of City officials

9.3 Twelve Bold Steps

- Lila described a program unveiled at a meeting she attended entitled "Twelve Bold Steps" to fight poverty. There were observers there from the City as well.

9.4 Transit for Students

- Discussion of how other post-secondary institutions do not have the equivalent of the U-Pass system and ways to promote such a project with them.

10. Next Meeting: Tuesday March. 19th at 7:00 at Mulberry's.