

Bus Riders of Saskatoon
March 19, 2019 (7:00 pm to 9:00 pm)
Mulberry's on 3rd Avenue

Present: Robert, Peter, Brent, Melissa, Curt, Jim **Regrets:** Bob, Lila

Facilitator: Curt McCoshen

Recorder: Robert Clipperton

1. Introductions and Group Norms

2. Finalization of Agenda

3. Review of Minutes from February 12, 2019 Meeting

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

5. Business arising from the minutes

5.1 CFRCR Interview (Doug) no date contact yet with the production group.

5.2 Website: Four members of the Steering Committee (Peter, Curt, Lila, Robert) met with Rob Butz for site maintenance training. Going forward:

- Curt will post minutes and other material on site when they become available. He will arrange for notice of new material to be posted on our Facebook page.
- Robert will check his files to see if he has old minutes which have not been posted.

5.3 U of S Bus Rider Group:

- Robert will post on Facebook to identify current members who are university students
- Brent suggested that once new student groups have been formed in late summer, we send targeted e-mails to those with an interest in transit such as students of community planning, political science and environmental studies. We may also be able to tap into the annual Momentum Planning Conference.

5.4 Meeting with ATU – still awaiting contact

5.5 Survey (Melissa): discussed areas that could be covered by a survey.

- Suggestions included driver attitude, length of routes, hours and schedules, reasons why people resist taking the bus.
- The USSU puts out a survey every year and perhaps we could tie into that. Brent will put Melissa in touch with Jason Ventnor who is responsible for that.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Taylor-Ann Yee – Correspondence received from the Sustainable Development Advisory Council seeing input into a presentation to be made to the federal Minister of Environment

- Curt will gather suggestions from members of the Steering Committee
- Robert will forward these to Taylor-Ann

6.2 Samuel LaFontaine – We have been contact by the **Canadian Urban Transit Association** to discuss actions to promote urban transit in the months leading up to the October federal election. Samuel has arranged to have a telephone conversation with Robert on March 21st.

6.3 Tracey Mitchell – Reminder to bring Tracey’s concerns regarding pedestrian access to stops

on artery/corridor routes to the attention of Transit.

6.4 Eva Friesen – (**Clinkskill Manor**) Robert has been in touch with Eva about the missing petition. He volunteered to be sure a copy gets to the appropriate person with City Transit.

7 City of Saskatoon Meetings

7.1 Highlights of February 25, 2019 Meeting:

- Discussion of “Safe Bus” program. (Melissa’s photo of info posted on this program should be brought forward to a future meeting.)
- Discussion of upcoming ‘bus stop audit’.
- Next meeting to be on March 25th

7.2 Agenda and Representatives for March 25th Meeting

- Agenda will be taken up with members of the Growth Team
- All Steering Committee members are invited to attend
 - Please e-mail questions to Peter in advance of the session

8. Active Transportation Advisory Group (Curt):

- Curt reported that there has not been a meeting since our last meeting.

9. Actions and Action Plans for 2018-2019

9.1 2019 City Budget – completed

9.2 BRT – Actions

9.2.1 Meetings with Councillors

- Agreed that we not try to meet with Councillors until after the BRT route decision is made and that we try to meet with Councillor Gough next after that.

9.2.2 Communications with Council

- It appears Council will be making a decision on BRT routes at a meeting the last week of April
 - Agreed that we should prepare a written submission to the City prior to that meeting

9.3 Disability Access Committee

- Doug reported that audible callouts seem to be more reliable. He has been working with Transit to determine optimal positioning of external speakers
- Doug will be working with the Office of Disability Issues during the summer

9.4 Safety Report – tabled

9.5 Fare/Schedule Review - Peter

- Transit will be doing their own review in the future
- Our work will continue

9.6 Bloomberg Project

- Chamber of Commerce CEO is the new rep on the committee
- Peter will e-mail the Steering Committee with a draft document detailing possible next steps for stakeholder consultations

9.7 Access Transit

- Bob Eaton was unable to attend tonight but is still interested in working on this
 - Doug will get information on ParaTransit in Regina
 - Jim is interested in working with Bob on this and will contact him

10.0 Other Business

- None

11. Next Meeting: Monday April 15th at 7:00 at Mulberry's.