

Bus Riders of Saskatoon
August 13, 2019 (7:00 pm to 9:00 pm)
Mulberry's on 3rd Avenue

Present: Victoria, Louis, Melissa, Peter, Robert

Regrets: Doug, Jamie, Bob, Curt, Lila

Facilitator: Melissa Hoffman

Recorder: Robert Clipperton

1. Introductions and Group Norms

2. Finalization of Agenda

3. Review of Minutes from July 16, 2019 Meeting. Approved.

4. Financial Report: Bank balance is \$277.83.

5. Business arising from the minutes

5.1 CFCR Interview (Doug) - table

5.2 U of S Bus Rider Group: table

5.3 Meeting with ATU: Set for Friday August 16th

5.4 Rider Survey: Nothing to report yet

5.5 Letter to Councillor Dubois: It appears that she has chosen not to respond to our letter.

5.6. Letter to Broadway BID: Robert reported that in response to the letter, he met with DeeAnn Mercier, Executive-Director of the Broadway BID earlier today. Ms. Mercier was very positive regarding joint efforts to work together to promote transit use on Broadway. She felt it was maybe too early for the window card idea. She would welcome a larger promotion initiative as BRT is implemented. Suggestions: 1) Consideration of a fare-free corridor linking Broadway and Downtown and 2) Purchase of a novelty vehicle which could travel the downtown and Broadway routes.3) Better communication from Transit.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Tracey Mitchell – Climate Justice – Letter received asking Bus Riders to support the *Low Emissions* proposal that has been prepared for consideration by City Council. Two recommendations in this report related to Transit are 1) Generally improved transit services in the City to boost the ride share to 12% (current goal is 8%) and 2) Replacement of the bus fleet with electric vehicles. The group was supportive of both of these goals and will communicate this to City Council at an appropriate time.

6.2 Eva Friesen, Clinkskill Manor: Request for assistance in forwarding bus shelter request to the Saskatoon Housing Authority. Robert will follow up on this.

7. City of Saskatoon Meetings

7.1 Highlights of July 29th, 2019 Meeting: This meeting focussed on Access Transit. Discussion. Minutes will be posted on our website.

7.2 Agenda / Representatives for next meeting – August 26th 3:30 pm

- Topics we may want to address include timing for routing frequent service onto Broadway, status of fleet renewal, timing of fare review, status of 'etiquette project', upcoming neighbourhood meetings, BRT station design timeline
- Robert, Peter, and Melissa expressed interest in attending. There are likely others.

8. Active Transportation Advisory Group (Curt):

- Curt send a report saying that the most recent meeting dealt with potential cycle routes on regular streets – discouraging motor vehicle traffic on selected routes

9. Actions and Action Plans for 2019-2020

9.1 2020 City Budget

9.2 Fare Review

9.3 Disability Access

9.4 Meetings with Councillors

10.0 Other Business

10.1 Government of Saskatchewan's Diversion of Federal Transit Funding

- Peter will draft a letter to Premier Moe on behalf of BRS
- Vicki will check out online petition sites
- Suggestion of posting a from letter on our FB page for people to cut, paste and send off to MLAs

10.2 BRT Station Requirements

- Doug, Peter and Vicki will work on this

10.3 Federal Election

- For discussion at our next meeting

11. Next Meeting: Tuesday September 17th at 7:00 at Mulberry's.