Bus Riders of Saskatoon

November 19, 2019 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm - Mulberry’s on 3rd Avenue

Facilitator: Curt Recorder: Robert Regrets: Jim, Vicki

Present: Doug, Curt, Lila, Bob, Louis, Peter, Robert, Melissa

1. Introductions and Group Norms: (see other side)

2. Finalization of Agenda.

3. Review of minutes of October 22, 2019 Meeting – approved as corrected

4. Financial Report:

4.1 Bank balance remains at $260.84.

4.2 Change in signing officers – Papers ready for signing at Affinity by Curt and Peter

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 CFCR Interview (Doug) – Doug will e-mail Debbie Windsor

5.2 U of S Bus Rider Group

* Discussion of the worth of a campus group with a transit focus
* Suggestion that the Facebook group USASK Confessions might be a forum to hear from students with transit concerns
* Curt volunteered to follow up with U. of S. contacts provided by Ryan Walker

5.3 Survey (Melissa/Curt) – Work continues

5.4 Clinkskill Manor

* Robert has written to the Housing Authority but has not received a response
* Lila volunteered to contact Dorina Drimus with the Housing Authority to further discussions

5.5 Action re: Government of Sask. diversion of federal transit funding

5.5.1 Peter re: J. McDonald follow-up

* Peter reported that our correspondence with Minister Wyant has been forwarded to City Hall but that no further interaction on this topic should be expected.

5.5.2 Jim re: Planet S – no report

5.5.3 Change.org petition

* Peter will resend his script on this to Robert
* Robert will send script out for comment
* Robert will send finalized script to Victoria to implement the online petition

5.6 November 4 SPCOT & Nov 18 Council Meeting re: Paper Service Alerts

Robert summarized our actions at these meetings, noting that our position on visual signage was approved 4 to 2, and 9 to 2 respectively.

5.7 Saskatoon Cycles AGM – Curt reported on his presentation on behalf of

Bus Riders

5.8 New Meeting Venue - Louis reported that the Alt Hotel (on 2rd Avenue across from Persephone Theatre) would be pleased to have us meet in their lounge.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Murray Totland – Arbutus Properties

* The developer is seeking support for their request to Council to expand transit service in Rosewood
* Peter will prepare a response referencing BRS’ support for a ‘frequency’ vs. ‘coverage’ model of service and Transit’s service standards

6.2 Climate Justice – RE City Budget

* Climate Justice is seeking support for budget measures relevant to the Low Emissions Plan
* Agreed that Robert will forward the request to members of the Steering Committee to respond as individuals

7. City of Saskatoon Meetings

7.1 Highlights of October 28th meeting

* Meeting consisted mostly of an update on BRT with project manager Rob Dudiak. The meeting was very positive
* Minutes of this meeting will be posted shortly.

7.2 Agenda / Representatives for November 25th Meeting

* Paul Bracken, head of bus maintenance will be attending this meeting
* We will want to discuss kneeling buses, recent bus shortages and other maintenance issues
* Other topics: Service to Rosewood, bus shelter seating, this year’s capital budget
* Peter, Bob, Doug, Robert and Melissa expressed interest in attending

8. Active Transportation Advisory Group Report (Curt) – tabled pending a next meeting – this group is currently inactive

9. Actions and Action Plans for 2019-2020

9.1 2020-2021 Budget

* Proposed budget for Saskatoon Transit is status quo
* Access Transit - there is a proposal to add 1.5 FTE in each of the next two years
  + Bob Eaton agreed to write and send a letter to Council expressing our support for this additional funding

9.2 Fare Review

* We hope to be able to meet with Transit’s consultant on this issue at our December meeting with Transit Management

9.3 Disability Access – work continues

9.4 Meetings with Councillors

* Councillor Gough has agreed to meet with us and has put forward a series of possible dates
* It was agreed that we will opt for December 10th at 10:00 am at the Park Café on 20th Street
* Peter, Robert, Lila, Bob and Melissa expressed interest
* Robert will confirm with Councillor Gough and send out a notice

10. Other Business

10.1 Poverty Reduction Partnership – Transit Meeting – Thursday December 5th 9:30 – 11:00 South Board Room – 2nd Floor – Station 20 West

* Robert and Lila will attend

10.2. BRT Broadway Advisory Group

* Bus Riders has not been asked to participate in the group
* No members of our Steering Committee have been invited to participate
* We do have at least one Bus Rider member in the Advisory Group

**11 . Date, time for next meeting: Tuesday December 17th at 7:00 at the Alt** **Hotel - 400 Block of Second Avenue South**

Group Norms

All people are explicitly welcome and respected in our meetings and we will strive to include and represent the interests and varying perspectives of riders. We appreciate that we are all volunteers and that we are all learning and doing the best we can in our roles. We bring different life experiences and values to the table but what we share is a desire to work for positive change in our transit system. We aim to achieve changes in the short-term while keeping a long-view in mind and agree to engage constructively and respectfully and not just within the group but also with decision-makers, the media and the general public.

In meetings, we agree to keep comments respectful and brief and respect the role of the meeting facilitator(s) who may need to cut us off from time to time to keep the conversation on track and on time. We will avoid tangents and side-bar conversations and speak one at a time. We will do our best to be accountable for what we take on and will try not to let each other down. If we have committed to a task and can’t complete it in a timely manner, we agree that we will pass the task to someone else in the group. When we feel someone is not abiding by these norms, we will gently let them know. Repeated violations of the group norms by any member will be brought to the group to discuss.