

Bus Riders of Saskatoon

December 17, 2019 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm - Alt Hotel Lounge – 480 2nd Ave. S.

Facilitator: Curt Recorder: Robert Regrets: Bob, Doug, Vicky, Melissa, Lila

Present: Peter, Curt, Jim, Robert, Louis.

1. Introductions and Group Norms: (see other side)
2. Finalization of Agenda.
3. Review of minutes of November 17, 2019 Meeting
4. Financial Report: Bank balance remains at \$260.84.
 - 4.1 Change in signing officers: Peter still to sign papers.
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - 5.1 CFCR Interview (Doug) - table
 - 5.2 U of S Bus Rider Group – Follow-up
 - Curt will follow up with Sarah Foley of the USSU ad-hoc transit committee
 - 5.3 Survey (Melissa/Curt)
 - Suggestion that we can work with the USSU on this
 - 5.4 Clinkskill Manor/Sask. Housing
 - Robert reported that he has spoken with Ray Neale, Manger of the Saskatoon Housing Authority on this and forwarded a copy of the petition to him
 - Suggested that we bring this to Saskatoon Transit once again
 - 5.5 Government of Sask. diversion of federal transit funding
 - 5.5.1 Change.org petition
 - Robert will put some work into formulating this
 - 5.5.2 Planet S
 - Agreed that we should seek other avenues to bring attention to this – perhaps mainstream media
 - 5.6 Poverty Reduction Project
 - Lila and Robert attended the last meeting and plan to attend the next one on January 29th

5.7 BRT Broadway Advisory Group:

- Agreed we should keep informed regarding the activities of this group with an eye to the process rather than the product

6. Correspondence

6.1 Murray Totland – Arbutus Properties

- Mr. Totland wrote to BRS requesting our support for expanded Transit Service in Rosewood
- Our reply indicated that we would support re-alignment of existing service if that would be beneficial but that the proper opportunity to resolve the overall transit service in Rosewood is the upcoming design of a fully revamped conventional transit network for all of Saskatoon.

7. City of Saskatoon Meetings

7.1 Highlights of November 25th and December 16th meetings

- Minutes of November 25th meeting with maintenance head Paul Bracken have been posted to our website
- Meeting on December 16th was with Deepak Santhanakrishnan to discuss work to date on the fare review.
- Robert will e-mail Deepak to invite him to meet with us sometime in January to discuss informally his work to date

7.2 Agenda / Representatives for January 20th meeting

- agenda suggestions included follow-up on the Rosewood service expansion, discussion of the new service standards, reviewing the 'customer feedback' form, revisit the Clinkskill Manor petition, re-implementation of visual signage at closed stops
- Peter, Robert, Curt, Louis, Jim and Bob expressed interest in attending the next meeting

8. Active Transportation Advisory Group Report (Curt)

- Activity for this group continues to be frozen

9. Actions and Action Plans for 2019-2020

9.1 2020 Budget

9.1.1 Rosewood expansion

- This passed Council without much discussion or background information – to be discussed with Saskatoon Transit

9.2 Fare Review

- We will continue to offer our input to Saskatoon Transit

9.3 Disability Access

- Doug continues to work on this

9.4 Meetings with Councillors

9.4.1 Report on meeting with Councillor Gough on Dec. 10th

- Very positive and productive meeting with an exchange of views on system improvement.
- Jim, Bob, Robert, Peter and Lila attended.
- Curt will draft a letter to Councillor Gersher re: presenting costs to close service gaps for City budget consideration.

9.4.2 Next meeting?

- Suggested we try to arrange meeting with Councillor Davies as he is the only sitting councillor we have never met with

10. Other Business

10.1 Alternate Venue – High School Students

- Robert received a message from a high school student who wanted to attend tonight's meeting but would not have been allowed into the hotel lounge
- Agreed to try to find another venue for the next meeting
 - Peter will check out an Asian restaurant on 2nd Avenue between 25th and 26th Streets
 - If this doesn't seem possible, Robert will check out another Asian Restaurant on 3rd Avenue between 20th and 21st Streets

11 . Date & time for next meeting: Tuesday January 14th at 7:00. Location to be determined.

