

Bus Riders of Saskatoon

March 10, 2020 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Location – Restaurant 224

Facilitator: Peter Recorder: Robert Regrets: Jim, Bob, Curt, Sandra

Present: Peter, Louis, Robert, Lila, Doug

1. Introductions and Group Norms
2. Finalization of Agenda.
3. Review of minutes of February 11, 2020 Meeting - Approved
4. Financial Report: Bank balance is \$258.84 – no change
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - 5.1 CFCR Interview (Doug)
 - Doug has had his e-mails bounce back. Robert will send Doug new information
 - 5.2 U of S Bus Rider Group – Curt
 - Curt has had difficulty connecting with this group – phone calls and e-mails remain unanswered
 - 5.3 Survey (Melissa/Curt)
 - No action pending 5.2
 - 5.4 Clinkskill Manor/Sask. Housing – Robert
 - Transit said they would set up a meeting. No word from them.
 - 5.5 Government of Sask. diversion of federal transit funding
 - 5.5.1 Robert re: Change.org petition
 - Robert presented a text which was approved by the group for launching the petition
 - 5.5.2 Letter to Minister McKenna – Minister of Infrastructure
 - Peter has sent a letter but has not yet received a response
 - 5.6 Meeting with ATU – Thursday, March 12th
 - Peter, Curtis and Robert will meet with ATU executive members

6. Correspondence

6.1 Councillor Davies

- Robert has sent a follow-up e-mail to Councillor Davies but has not had a response

6.2 February 18, 2020 – Councillor Gersher

- Councillor Gersher reached out offering to dialogue on our concerns re signage on closed stops and detours. Consensus that Gersher has a good grasp of current issues and there is no need for further communication at this time.

6.3 February 24, 2020 - Murray Gross – LiveableYXE2020

- We have been invited to participate in this initiative. Consensus was favourable and we await further information

7. City of Saskatoon Meetings

7.1 Report on February 24th meeting

- Much of the discussion centred around processes for stakeholder input into Transit's Fare Review
- Minutes will be posted on our website

7.2 Agenda / Representatives for Monday, March 30th meeting at 2:30

- Robert, Peter and Louis expressed interest in attending this meeting.

8. Active Transportation Advisory Group Report (Curt)

- This group continues to be in suspension

9. Access Transit – Bob Eaton

9.1 Transit for dialysis patients

- Bob was unable to attend but consensus was that Health should be participating in the costs of this service

10. Facebook Issues

10.1 Trees at stops

- Agreed to bring this forward to our next meeting with Transit

11. Poverty Reduction Project – Transit Committee – Thursday, March 26th

- Robert and Lila have been attending
- Robert to send information on this meeting to Peter

12. Actions and Action Plans for 2019-2020

12.1 2020 Budget - done

12.2 Fare Review – in progress

12.3 Disability Access – (Kneeling Buses) - done

12.4 Meetings with Councillors

12.4.1 Councillor Davies

- E-mails have been sent to Councillor Davies but he has not responded. Robert will keep trying.

12.4.2 Councillor Loewen – Suggestion of Tuesday, March 17th a.m.

- Meeting planned for Tuesday March 17th at 9:30 am at Grandma Lee's on 4th Avenue near 22nd Street.
- Louis, Peter, Robert and Doug plan to attend.

12.5 Civic Election

12.5.1 LiveableYXE2020

- We agreed to participate in this effort and await further information

12.6 Provincial Election

- Bob Eaton has suggested setting up meetings with individual MLAs prior to the election period.

13. Other Business

13.1 SPCOT

13.1.1 Presentation at future meeting re: Costing of service enhancements

- We need to consult further before we move forward on this.

13.2 Suggestion that we add our meetings to the Community Events column in Planet S.

14 . Date & time for next meeting: Tuesday April 14th - 7:00 at Restaurant 224 on 3rd Avenue South.