

Bus Riders of Saskatoon

April 14, 2020 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Location – Video-Conference

_Facilitator: Curt Recorder: Robert Regrets: Lila

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

1. Introductions and Group Norms
2. Finalization of Agenda.
3. Review of minutes of March 10, 2020 Meeting - Approved
4. Financial Report: Bank balance is \$258.84 – no change
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - 5.1 CFCR Interview (Doug)
 - Since Doug has relocated to Edmonton this interview is unlikely to happen.
 - 5.2 U of S Bus Rider Group – Curt
 - Curt has been unable to contact this group
 - 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. Still no word from them. This should be brought forth at the next meeting with Transit.
 - 5.5 Government of Sask. diversion of federal transit infrastructure funding
 - 5.5.1 Robert re: Change.org petition
 - Robert suggested that with the pandemic, such a petition would receive little public attention and that we should wait for a more auspicious moment to launch this.
 - 5.6 Meeting with ATU – Thursday, March 12th
 - Peter, Curtis and Robert met with ATU executive members Darcy Pederson and Tyson Materi
 - Much of the meeting discussed initial measures facing ATU members due to the pandemic

- Consensus that this was a very positive meeting which will contribute to our ongoing positive relationship with Transit workers.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Councillor Davies

- Robert will send another e-mail to Councillor Davies suggesting a video conference in place of a face to face meeting

6.2 Letter to Minister McKenna

- No response received
- Peter will send an e-mail asking for confirmation of receipt of the letter

6.3 Correspondence with U. of S. President Peter Stoicheff

- Peter shared a letter to and a response from President Stoicheff regarding the sudden barring of City buses from the Place Louis Riel terminal

6.4 Saskatoon Cycles – April 8, 2020

- Robert shared a letter received from Saskatoon Cycles asking Bus Riders to endorse an open letter to the City of Saskatoon regarding adjusting some streets and roads to accommodate more pedestrians and cyclists who need to practice appropriate physical distancing.
- Consensus that Bus Riders support this letter

7. City of Saskatoon Meetings

7.1 Report on the March 30, 2020 meeting – video conference

- The meeting focussed on the safety measures taken by Transit to improve Covid-19 safety for riders and for employees
- The issue of riders experiencing difficulty when buses stop such that rear doors are obstructed by trees was brought forth. This issue will require further exploration – currently buses stop further ahead than normal to facilitate rear door entry so the problem doesn't arise

7.2 Agenda / Representatives for Monday, April 27th virtual meeting at 2:30 p.m.

- Bob, Robert, Peter, Curt and Melissa expressed interest in attending this meeting.
- Suggested that we request that the meeting take place using Jitsi as members seem to have less difficulty with access

- Agenda items: Preference is to focus on the Transit App as had been scheduled for March. If this is not possible, suggested topics are meeting with SHA regarding the Clinkskill Manor stop, seating at the Downtown Terminal, Transit's experience with the rerouting of Broadway Avenue services, proposed changes for July 1st.

8. Active Transportation Advisory Group Report (Curt)

- This group continues to be in suspension

9. Access Transit – Bob Eaton – nothing to report

10. Facebook Issues

- Discussion of Transit's Covid-19 safety measures, relocation of the Place Riel Terminal, and removal of benches at the Downtown Terminal

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

- This meeting was cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions and has not been rescheduled

12. Actions and Action Plans for 2019-2020

12.1 2020 Budget - done

12.2 Fare Review – done until Transit releases their report

12.3 Disability Access – (Kneeling Buses) - done

12.4 Meetings with Councillors

12.4.1 Councillor Davies

- We will continue to try to set up this meeting

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

- This meeting was postponed due to Covid-19 measures.
- Robert will try to set up a virtual meeting with Councillor Loewen

12.5 Civic Election

12.5.1 LiveableYXE2020

- No news on this initiative

12.6 Provincial Election

- Bob Eaton will send letters to government MLAs to set up meetings prior to the election period regarding Federal Infrastructure Funding for Transit.

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.

14 . Date & time for next meeting: Tuesday May 12th – 6:45 by Jitsi

- Suggestion that we message some of the regular contributors to our Facebook page and invite them to participate
- Suggestion that we advertise the meeting on our page and invite people to message us if they want participation details