

Bus Riders of Saskatoon
May 12 , 2020 – 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Video Conference

Facilitator: Curt Recorder: Robert Regrets: Lila

Present: Curt, Jim, Bob, Cheryl, Melissa, Robert, Doug

1. Introductions and Group Norms, Jitsi orientation: (see other side)
2. Finalization of Agenda.
 - Addition of 6.4 under Correspondence
3. Review of minutes of April 14, 2020 Meeting
4. Financial Report: Bank balance is \$258.84 – no change
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - 5.1 Clinkskill Manor/Sask. Housing – Robert
 - Transit had agreed to set up a meeting to discuss this issue; should be brought up at our next meeting with Transit
 - 5.2 Government of Sask. diversion of federal transit funding
 - 5.5.1 Robert re: Change.org petition
 - We need to release this at a time when the public is not pre-occupied with Covid-19 issues
 - 5.3 Meeting invitations
 - Robert reported sending personal invitations to 11 of our frequent Facebook posters – 6 positive responses, 2 not interested, 3 no response
6. Correspondence
 - 6.1 Councillor Davies – no response to still another e-mail
 - 6.2 Letter to Minister McKenna – still no response
 - 6.3 Shelagh Pizy-Allen – TTCriders – re: Emergency federal transit funding
 - Robert reported that Bus Riders of Saskatoon was asked to sign an open letter to Prime Minister Trudeau requesting emergency funding for urban transit
 - Peter will contact Jim McDonald, Director of Saskatoon Transit to advise him of our actions

6.4 Darcy Pederson ATU – National Town Hall

- Bus Riders has received an invitation from ATU to participate in a national townhall meeting of rider user groups
- Consensus that we respond positively to this invitation

7. City of Saskatoon Meetings

7.1 Report on April 27th meeting

- We received updates on Covid-19 measures
- Route changes to direct high frequency service down Broadway were implemented March 29th – no major issues reported by either Transit or BRS.
- No major route changes are planned for summer implementation. The pilot for Route 11 linking Spadina destination points has been postponed.
- Representatives of the Transit App and City tech staff were present for an in-depth discussion of the Transit App. Detailed minutes will be available on the BRS website.

7.2 Agenda / Representatives for Monday May 25th meeting at 2:30 p.m.

- Doug, Melissa, Robert, Peter, Bob, Curt and Cheryl expressed interest in attending.
- Suggested agenda items: 1) Clinkskill Manor 2) Federal infrastructure funding 3) Covid-19 – challenges to resuming full service 4) Driver protection 5) Route 11

8. Standing Policy Committee on Transportation

8.1 Bus Riders Letter re: Place Riel Terminal Relocation

- This was received by the SPCOT with respectful discussion of the issue

8.2 Presentation at a future meeting re: Costing of service enhancements?

- It appears that the best time to put this forward for 21-22 budget consideration would be early in 2021.

9. Access Transit – Bob Eaton

- No issues to report

10 . Facebook Issues

10.1 COVID-19 safety measures and capacity Issues

- Question of why drivers don't put a 'Full Bus' sign up on the front when they are at capacity and why Transit App couldn't reflect this. For discussion with Transit.

10.2 Place Riel Terminal relocation

10.3 Service resumption challenges

10.4 Driver support

- We want to be supportive of driver safety
- Suggestion of reaching out to ATU as to what measures they feel should/could be implemented
- Doug reported that shields have been implemented on some buses in Edmonton with mixed response from operators/public – he will look into this further

11. Poverty Reduction Project – Transit Committee – in recess

12. Review of 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

- Robert will send a follow-up e-mail

12.4.2 Councillor Loewen – May 8th by video conference – review

- Frank and positive informal discussion with Councillor Loewen

12.4.3 Next Councillor?

- Agreed that we should seek out a meeting with Councillor Block – Robert will set this up

12.5 Civic Election

12.5.1 LiveableYXE2020 – no developments

12.6 Provincial Election

- Robert will contact Bob as to next steps on this

13. Other Business

14 . Date & time for next meeting: **Wednesday June 3rd - 7:00 pm** [Jitsi but we may move to Zoom – link will be sent out with agenda prior to the next meeting.]