

Bus Riders of Saskatoon

February 11, 2020 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Vietnamese Roll Restaurant  
- 489 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N.

Facilitator: Curt      Recorder: Robert      Regrets: Jim, Lila

Present: Bob, Peter, Doug, Louis, Curt, Robert, Sandra

1. Introductions and Group Norms
2. Finalization of Agenda.
3. Review of minutes of January 14, 2019 Meeting
4. Financial Report: Bank balance is \$258.84 - no change
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
  - 5.1 CFCR Interview
    - Doug is waiting to hear back from Debbie Windsor
  - 5.2 U of S Bus Rider Group - Follow-up
    - Curt is waiting to hear back from members of the USSU
  - 5.3 Survey (Melissa/Curt)
    - Hope is to be able to tie into USSU survey
  - 5.4 Clinkskill Manor/Sask. Housing
    - Robert reviewed the situation noting that Transit has agreed to contact the Housing Authority to set up a meeting to discuss stop amenities adjacent to the building
  - 5.5 Government of Sask. diversion of federal transit funding
    - 5.5.1 Robert re: Change.org petition
      - Still in progress
    - 5.5.2 Bob re: Meeting with MLA Olauson
      - Bob reported on a meeting he had with his MLA. Mr. Olauson was not supportive of allowing Federal Infrastructure Funds designated for transit projects to be spent on transit
      - Peter agreed to write a letter to the federal minister in charge of infrastructure funding to express our

disagreement with the provincial government on this issue.

#### 5.6 Poverty Reduction Project – Meetings Jan. 24 & Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>

- Robert reported on an inter-agency meeting he attended on January 24<sup>th</sup>. He plans to attend the next meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### 5.7 Meeting with ATU

- Robert has e-mailed Darcy Pederson to set up another meeting

### 6. Correspondence

#### 6.1 Deepak Sanathanakrishnan – no response

- Robert will re:send the e-mail inviting him to meet with us

#### 6.2 Councillor Davies

- Davies is to get back to us with possible meeting dates in March. Robert will contact him once again

#### 6.3 Terry Schmidt – re Service Alerts

- Report reported on e-mail correspondence with the Director of Transportation regarding a ‘service alert’ sign and stop closure on 19<sup>th</sup> Street near Clinkskill Manor. Mr. Schmidt responded that the sign was an ‘administrative error’ and that internal discussions were planned to reduce unnecessary stop closures.
- Reported that at times cement truck related to the new River Landing building construction are lined up on the south side of 19<sup>th</sup> Street west of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and at times are blocking the bus stop.

### 7. City of Saskatoon Meetings

#### 7.1 Report on January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting

- Peter reported on the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting with Transit. Minutes will be posted on our website.

## 7.2 Agenda / Representatives for February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting

- Peter, Bob, Robert, Curt and Louis expressed interest in attending this meeting at City Hall at 2:30
- Suggested agenda items: Electric bus pilot, fleet replacement, BRT stakeholder groups, service alert signs, Transit App. frustrations, meeting with Deepak Sanathanakrishnan, progress on meeting with Housing Authority

## 8. Active Transportation Advisory Group Report (Curt)

- ATAG continues to be inactive

## 9. Actions and Action Plans for 2019-2020

### 9.1 2020 Budget - complete

### 9.2 Fare Review - we continue to follow City's work on this

### 9.3 Disability Access - complete - (kneeling bus issue)

### 9.4 Meetings with Councillors

- Agreed that we should next approach Councillor Loewen for a meeting

## 10. Access Transit - Bob Eaton

- Bob will do some research to determine the impact of the new three day booking window

## 11. Facebook Issues

- Buses leaving early and issues with the information derived from the Transit App have been running themes this past month

## 12. Other Business

### 12.1 SPCOT

#### 12.1.1 Transit Detour Process

- Louis, Peter and Robert attended the meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup>
- After persistent questioning by Councillors Gersher and Block, Transportation finally volunteered that current paper signing practices will not be changed without a report to SPCOT prior to implementation. Thank you e-mails to be sent to Gersher and Block.

#### 12.1.2 Presentation at a future meeting

- Bus Riders would like to see a priority costed listing of improvements to our transit system (eg. 7 day schedules, reduced fares for children, fleet renewal, service extensions). It was agreed that we would discuss with Councillors before making a formal presentation to the Committee

#### 12.2 Strategy -Civic and Provincial Elections

- It was agreed that we will participate in LiveableYXE
- Suggested that we ask all ward candidates for their position on Transit and offer to post it on our FB page.

#### 12.3 Meetings with MLAs

- Bob Eaton will write to Saskatoon MLAs to request meetings to discuss Federal Infrastructure Funding

#### 12.4 CTV Interview

- Robert was approached at City Hall to do an interview – will focus on stop closure signage and risk to infrastructure funding if possible

13 . Date & time for next meeting: Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 at Vietnamese Roll