

Bus Riders of Saskatoon
July 8 , 2020 - 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Zoom Video Conference
Minutes

Facilitator: Melissa Recorder: Robert Regrets: Louis, Curt,
Jennifer

Present: Lila, James, Doug, Robert, Bob, Peter, Scott, Melissa

Guest: Murray G.

1. Introductions and Group Norms (see below); Zoom orientation
2. Finalization of Agenda.
3. Review of minutes of June 3, 2020 Meeting
 - Peter had been omitted from the list of attendees. Typo in 5.3
 - Approved as amended.
4. Financial Report: Bank balance is \$258.84 - no change
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - 5.1 Clinkskill Manor/Sask. Housing - Robert
 - Jennifer forwarded the name and contact number for the SHA manager.
 - Robert forwarded the information to Saskatoon Transit
 - 5.2 Government of Sask. diversion of federal funding for transit under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP)
 - Bob E. will set up meetings with Saskatoon MLAs
 - 5.3 ATU - National Forum on Transit
 - Campaign to put pressure on provincial governments to participate in matching program from federal government
 - Agreed to wait and see province's reaction once details are announced
 - 5.4 On-Demand Transit pilot (Bob, Robert, Scott)
 - There were issues with the reliability of the service and the app. itself
 - Experience was generally disappointing
 - Bob noted that this was a 'good test' as it found lots of problems

- Transit is planning a meeting to debrief with those who participated

6. Correspondence

6.1 Liveable YXE - Invitation to BRS to participate (see item 12.5.1)

7. City of Saskatoon Meetings

7.1 Report on June 15, 2020 meeting

7.1.1 Highlights: USSU Go-Pass. Conversation with Rob Dudiak, BRT Project Manager: Design work completed to be done, Implementation timeline, Pilot projects, Funding, 19th Street

7.2 Agenda / Representatives for Monday July 20th meeting at 2:30 p.m.

- Peter, Bob, Robert, Scott, Doug and Lila expressed interest in attending this meeting
- Suggested Agenda items: BRT and cycle lanes (esp. downtown), stops along 7th Street during construction, COVID-19 measures (lack of adherence to mask and distancing policies), updates on pilot projects - what are the success measures.

8. Standing Policy Committee on Transportation

8.1 Meeting - June 1, 2020

- Councillor Gersher had requested a report on neighbourhood service expansions - this should be tabled at the next meeting on August 10th.

9. Access Transit - Bob Eaton - nothing to report

10. Facebook Issues

10.1 Availability of route/stop changes information to riders

11. Poverty Reduction Project - Transit Committee

- Meeting took place on June 23rd with Colleen Christopherson
- Discussion of the need and of some of the difficulties in providing masks to people with limited means

12. Review of Actions and Action Plans for 2019-2020

12.1 2020 Budget - done

12.2 Fare Review - done for 2019-2020

12.3 Disability Access - (Kneeling Buses) - done

12.4 Meetings with Councillors

12.4.1 Councillor Block - June 18, 2020

- We had an agreeable and productive discussion with Council Block on a number of transit issues.

12.4.3 Next Councillor?

- Agreed that Robert would set up a meeting with Councillor Donauer

12.5 Civic Election

12.5.1 LiveableYXE2020

- Murray Gross from LiveableYXE presented to our meeting
- purpose of the initiative is to highlight issues which make Saskatoon more liveable
- possible actions include developing a questionnaire for candidates, hosting a forum with mayoralty candidates, printing window cards
- LiveableYXE does not endorse candidates
- invitation to Bus Riders of Saskatoon to 'send' a representative to a meeting on July 14, 2020
- Melissa and Robert will share this responsibility

12.6 Provincial Election

- Bob will set up individual meetings with MLAs and candidates to discuss issues related to provincial government support for Transit.

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13. Other Business

13.1 Robert was contacted by Alex McPherson of the Star-Phoenix regarding an upcoming news story on vinyl / plexiglass shields in buses

14 . Date & time for next meeting: Wednesday August 12th at 7:00 - Zoom

Group Norms

All people are explicitly welcome and respected in our meetings and we will strive to include and represent the interests and varying perspectives of riders. We appreciate that we are all volunteers and that we are all learning and doing the best we can in our roles. We bring different life experiences and values to the table but what we share is a desire to work for positive change in our transit system. We aim to achieve changes in the short-term while keeping a long-view in mind and agree to engage constructively and respectfully and not just within the group but also with decision-makers, the media and the general public.

In meetings, we agree to keep comments respectful and brief and respect the role of the meeting facilitator(s) who may need to cut us off from time to time to keep the conversation on track and on time. We will avoid tangents and side-bar conversations and speak one at a time. We will do our best to be accountable for what we take on and will try not to let each other down. If we have committed to a task and can't complete it in a timely manner, we agree that we will pass the task to someone else in the group. When we feel someone is not abiding by these norms, we will gently let them know. Repeated violations of the group norms by any member will be brought to the group to discuss.