Bus Riders of Saskatoon

September 09, 2020 – 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Zoom Video Conference

Agenda

Facilitator: Curt Recorder: Robert Regrets: Jadyn, Lila, Bob

Present: Curt, Doug, Peter, Jim, Melissa, Sherry, Jennifer, Robert, Scott

1. Introductions and Group Norms (see below).

2. Finalization of Agenda.

* Add 14.2 Annual pass renewal issues

3. Review of minutes of August 12, 2020 Meeting

* Approved as circulated.

4. Financial Report: Bank balance is $258.84 – no change

 4.1 Website domain name reimbursement

* M/S/C Robert, Melissa to reimburse Stephan for domain registration of $18.99

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 See agenda items

6. Correspondence

 6.1 Alice Pitka re: Facebook Page

* In view of recent unpleasantness on our FB page, suggested subjecting all posts to approval
* Concern that this would take away from the immediacy of response to those seeing information
* Melissa will update and post rules of conduct for our FB page
* See agenda item 10.2

6.2 Cam McMillan re: Place Riel Terminal

* Cam wrote to us sharing his concerns about the inconvenience of transfer points for routes that formerly were all at the Place Riel Terminal
* Peter has been in touch with Cam to better understand his concerns
* Robert will post on FB to gather input from others who share these concerns
* We will bring this issue forward at our next meeting with Transit Management

7. City of Saskatoon Meetings

 7.1 Report on August 24th meeting

7.1.1 Highlights: BRT and bike lanes, Covid-19 plans, schedules, On Demand Transit pilot

7.2 Agenda / Representatives for Monday September 21st meeting at 2:30

p.m.

* Peter, Robert, Curt, Doug, Scott and Jim expressed interest in attending
* Suggested agenda items: Place Riel Terminal, pass purchases, mask policy, Safe Restart, stakeholder training

8. Standing Policy Committee on Transportation

8.1 Meeting September 8, 2020

* Information items re Upcoming availability of data:
* Monthly Ridership Statistics by Neighbourhood
* Daily Transit Reliability Reports

8.2 Next Meeting – no schedule posted – perhaps after the civic election

9. Access Transit – no report

10 . Facebook Issues

10.1 Compliance Rate – Masks – seems to vary by route and time of day

 10.2 Moderation/Administration

* Robert reported that the volume of posts has been very heavy
* Agreed to add Doug to the group of administrators

11. Poverty Reduction Project – Transit Committee

 11.1 No Report

12. National Transit Coalition

 12.1 No Report

13. Actions and Action Plans for 2020-2021

 13.1 2021 Budget – Costed enhancements / service standards

 13.2 Fare Review – Public Engagement

 13.3 Meetings with Councillors (Robert)

 13.3.1 Councillor Donauer – report on September 1st meeting

* Those attending felt that this was a very productive meeting

 13.3.2 Next Meeting: Mayor Charlie Clark

* Robert will arrange for a meeting to take place before the official election period

 13.4 Civic Election

 13.4.1 LiveableYXE2020 (Robert, Melissa)

 13.4.1.2 Transit Question

* Robert will prepare a draft of our question and circulate before submission

 13.4.2 Communication with Candidates

* Robert will contact each of the campaigns and extend the offer to each candidate to post (or have us post) their position on Transit on our FB page

 13.5 Provincial Election

 13.5.1 Meetings with MLAs (Bob)

* Curt will work with Bob to move this file forward

14. Other Business

14.1 Doug – Accessibility Policy

* Doug shared a draft of an accessibility policy for posts on our Facebook page.
* He will make revisions and then send it out for feedback
* Will be shared on Facebook for comment before it is adopted

15 . Date & time for next meeting: Wednesday October 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm

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.