

Bus Riders of Saskatoon

January 13, 2021 – 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Zoom Video Conference

Facilitator: Curt Recorder: Robert Regrets: Vicky, Jennifer, Sandra, Melissa
Present: Peter, Curt, Doug, Robert, Scott, James

1. Introductions and Group Norms (see below)
2. Finalization of Agenda.
3. Review of minutes of December 16th, 2020 Meeting
4. Financial Report: Bank balance is \$239.85 – no change
 - 4.1 Online Banking: Will be set up once minutes are approved.
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - 5.1 Revision to Mission Statement
 - At a previous meeting it was agreed to expand the scope of Bus Riders to include bus service between communities – this requires a change to our mission statement
 - Scott presented a draft of revised versions of our mission and vision statements

Motion: (Robert, James) that our mission statement be updated to read: “Bus Riders of Saskatoon advocates for better public transit in our city, province and country.” Carried.

Motion: (James, Peter) that we change the word “city” to “country” in our vision statement. Carried.

- 5.2 Letter to Christia Freeland – BRS version
 - Peter agreed to put develop a Saskatoon focussed version of the national transit coalition’s letter pleading for federal funding for transit operating and infrastructure to be included in the upcoming budget
- 5.3 Meeting with Kevin Waugh, MP
 - Curt reported that Mr. Waugh’s local office assistant has refused to arrange a meeting for us. Curt will try making a personal visit to the MP’s office.

- 5.4 Letter to Minister McMorris re Federal Infrastructure Funding
- Peter will prepare and send this as a follow up to letters to previous ministers.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Alison Grey – Bicycle Photo Opportunity

- Transit would like a volunteer (or two) with a bicycle to pose for a photo op. to demonstrate use of the bicycle racks on the front of buses
- Curt will contact Alison to explain that current racks will not accommodate bicycles with wide tires such as are used by many winter cyclists
- Peter offered to try to recruit a volunteer through Saskatoon Cycles

7. City of Saskatoon Meetings

7.1 Report on January 11, 2021 Meeting (December meeting was cancelled)

7.1.1 Highlights: New fare collection system, fare review process, pilot updates: On Demand, electric bus.

7.2 Next meeting: February 8th, 2021

7.2.1 Agenda items: Confer with Masabi re: ticketing system, Transit's learnings from the snow event

7.2.2 Attendees: Peter, Robert, Scott, Curt. Jim? Doug? Lila?

8. Standing Policy Committee on Transportation

8.1 January 11, 2021 Meeting

8.1.1 Presentation: Morgan Todd – Fares for high school students

- Correspondence was referred to Transit for the Fare Review file

8.1.2 Railway crossings: grade separation

- study showed affordable projects would not be those with great impact on transit routes

8.1.3 Upcoming report: "Transit Detour Process 2/10/2020 That the Administration report back on how they have worked to strengthen information and communication on notices for digital, phone and paper approaches for changes to bus routes, including engagement with stakeholders."

8.2 Next meeting: Monday, February 1, 2021

9. Access Transit – Bob Eaton – No Report

10 . Facebook and Website Issues

10.1 Implementation: Accessibility Policy

- Suggested that Doug flag to Robert posts that contravene the policy. Robert will work with the 'offender' to correct their post

10.2 Trip planning difficulties

- Transit has suggested that riders who have complex planning issues submit them using the Customer Feedback Form as this gives Transit all of the details they need to try to work out a solution
- Robert will reach out to the Member whose son was having difficulties getting to work on time

10.3 Mask enforcement update

- There has been little chatter on this subject since Christmas.
- We have advised Transit that if the issue of non-compliance heats up again we will be putting on pressure for more active and visible enforcement

10.4 Website – Resources Section

- Peter has cleaned up this section and added new material

11. Poverty Reduction Project – Transit Committee

11.1 No meetings have been held

12. National Transit Coalition (Robert, Peter)

12.1 No meetings have been held

13. Walking Saskatoon

13.1 Next meeting on Sunday, January 17th

13.2 Joint meeting with Jay Magus, Director of Transportation – April?

14. Actions and Action Plans for 2020-2021

14.1 2021 Budget – Costed enhancements / service standards – presentation to Council / Governance & Priorities

- Robert will address this issue as part of his presentation to SPCOT on the Services Standards document rather than presenting to Governance and Priorities

14.2 Fare Review – Public Engagement

- BRS will be an active participant in this once it begins

14.3 Meetings with Councillors

14.3.1 Meeting with new Councillor: David Kirton -Thursday, January 28, 2020 at 7:00 pm

14.4 Civic Election

14.4.1 LiveableYXE2020 (Robert) – nothing to report

14.5 Provincial Government

14.5.1 Meetings with Ministers/Opposition Critics/ MLAs

14.5.1.1 InterGovernmental Affairs – Don McMorris / Ryan Meili

14.5.1.2 Sask Builds – Don Morgan / Aleana Young

14.5.1.3 Municipal Affairs - Don Mc Morris / Matt Love

- Agreed that we will give the government time to respond to our letter before we make a decision to ask to meet with the opposition

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15. Other Business

15.1 None

15 . Date & time for next meeting: Monday February 22, 2021 at 7:00 pm