

## Bus Riders of Saskatoon

February 22nd, 2021 – 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Zoom Video Conference

### Zoom Meeting

Present: Lila, Robert, Doug, Curt, Peter, Jenn, Jim, Scott

Facilitator: Curt      Recorder: Robert      Regrets: Jaden H., Kelsey

1. Introductions and Group Norms (see below)
2. Finalization of Agenda.
3. Minutes of January 13, 2021 Meeting approved as circulated.
4. Financial Report: Bank balance is \$239.85 – no change
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
  - 5.1 Revision to Mission Statement
    - Robert has posted the revision on our FB description
    - Curt will edit mission and vision on the website
  - 5.2 Letter to Christia Freeland – BRS version
    - Peter has received an acknowledgement from Freeland's office
    - Peter will forward copy of our letter to those present tonight
  - 5.3 Meeting with Kevin Waugh, MP
    - Curt will try once again. If unsuccessful we will move on to Tochor
  - 5.4 Letter to Minister McMorris re: Infrastructure Funding
    - Acknowledgement received from McMorris' office
    - We will review further action at March meeting
  - 5.5 Bicycle Photo Opportunity
    - Peter forwarded request to Saskatoon Cycles who would contact Allison directly
6. Correspondence
  - 6.1 Alison Grey – Mobile Ticketing Pilot – Volunteers needed
    - Doug, Peter, Scott, Jim, and Robert volunteered
    - Robert will contact Bob and Hunter to participate
7. City of Saskatoon Meetings
  - 7.1 Report on February 7, 2021 Meeting
    - 7.1.1 Highlights: This meeting focussed on the new mobile ticketing system with representatives of Masabi present
  - 7.2 Next meeting: March 8th, 2021

7.2.1 Agenda Items suggested: Service standards, questions on ticketing app.

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

## 8. Standing Policy Committee on Transportation

### 8.1 February 1, 2021 Meeting

#### 8.1.1 Process for Introducing or Expanding Transit within New and Developing Neighbourhoods – BRS Presentation

“That enhanced reporting around Transit service levels be included in annual reporting to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation including predictability for new neighbourhood service and options and status around non-neighbourhood service level improvements.” Moved Gersher – Carried

8.1.2 Saskatoon Transportation Master Plan to be considered at next meeting

### 8.2 Next meeting: Monday, March 1, 2021

## 9. Access Transit – no report

## 10 . Facebook Issues

### 10.1 Implementation: Accessibility Policy

- **Doug** will put up a post on image descriptions

### 10.2 Mission and Vision Change

- **Lila** will try to modify cover photo to reflect changes

## 11. Poverty Reduction Project – Transit Committee

11.1 No meetings have been held

## 12. Keep Transit Moving Coalition

12.1 Next Meeting: Tuesday February 23, 2021

12.2 Federal Budget – Push for operating funding

## 13. Walking Saskatoon

13.1 Report on meeting on Sunday, February 21, 2021

13.2 Joint meeting with BRS with Jay Magus, Director of Transportation

- **Peter** collecting examples of difficult pedestrian crossings related to BRT routes
- Snow clearing around bus stops

## 14. Actions and Action Plans for 2020-2021

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

14.2 Fare Review – in progress

14.3 Meetings with Councillors – in progress

14.3.1 Report on meeting with new Councillor: David Kirton - Thursday, January 28 - an amical meeting was held with Councillor Kirton

14.3.2 Future meetings – Suggested that **Robert** set up a meeting with Councillor Hill

14.4 Civic Election

14.4.1 LiveableYXE2020

- Contrary to what was reported earlier it appears unlikely that this group will maintain a presence between civic elections
- **Robert** will discuss with some of the other Liveable YXE participants and report back to the group

14.5 Provincial Government – in progress

14.5.1 Potential 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

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## 15. Other Business

15.1 Electric buses

- Doug reported on research he has done with Alberta cities
- More discussion/research needed on the merits/demerits of electric buses with diesel heaters
- **Doug** will continue his research on this

15.2 Transportation Master Plan

- **Peter** will look at extracting and posting the transit related parts of this report

16 . Date & time for next meeting: Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup> 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.