

Bus Riders of Saskatoon

March 24, 2021 – 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Zoom Video Conference

Minutes

Facilitator: Curt **Recorder:** Robert **Regrets:** Lila,

Present: Doug, Robert, Curt, Bob, James, Sherry, Jenn, Peter, Donna, Warrick, Scott

1. Introductions and Group Norms (see below)
2. Finalization of Agenda.
3. Adoption of minutes of February 22, 2021 Meeting
4. Financial Report: Bank balance is \$239.85 – no change
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - 5.1 Mobile Ticketing App – Pilot
 - Peter, Scott, Robert, Jim and Doug reported
 - New system is expected to be up and running this summer
 - Will be integrated with the Transit App
 - Concerns expressed included possible lack of accessibility for persons with visual impairments and the potential for an expiry date on purchased tickets.
 - 5.2 Electric Bus – Research
 - To be discussed at our May meeting with Saskatoon Transit
 - 5.3 Transportation Master Plan
 - Peter reported that this report has been posted on our website with directions on how to find the sections most related to Transit
6. Correspondence
 - 6.1 Future Ground Network
 - Robert reported on this coalition of environmental groups which includes transit advocacy groups in Regina and Winnipeg
 - Anyone interested in Bus Riders affiliating with this group should contact Robert
 - 6.2 Letter to Christia Freeland – Response?
 - No response received since initial acknowledgement

6.3 Letter to Minister McMorris – Response?

- Response received but he was not making any promises not to change the original ratio of ICIP funds designated for transit

6.4 Chapman – Facebook Post Deletion Policy

- Mr. Chapman has inquired as to details about Bus Riders policy on deletion of posts from our FB page
 - Group determined that we did not have a written policy
 - **Doug** volunteered to draft a policy and bring it back to the next meeting.
 - **Robert** will inform Mr. Chapman.

7. City of Saskatoon Meetings

○ 7.1 Report on March 8, 2021 Meeting

- 7.1.1 Highlights: Peter reported on new signage at downtown terminal, draft service standards document, On-Demand pilot update,

○ 7.2 Next meeting: April 19, 2021

▪ 7.2.1 Agenda Items

- Guest will be Jay Magus from the Director of Transportation for Saskatoon.
- Peter provided a draft of questions/issues that could be brought forward

▪ 7.2.2 Attendees

- Walking Saskatoon will join us at the meeting
- Doug, Scott, Donna, Curt, Peter, Bob, Robert, Warrick and Jim expressed interest

8. Standing Policy Committee on Transportation

8.1 March 1, 2021 Meeting

8.1.1 Highlights: Reported Assaults on Operators and Other Negative Incidents – Discussion centred around ATU's request for additional de-escalation training for drivers and an update on plexi-glass shield installation.

8.2 Next meeting: April 5, 2021

9. Access Transit – Bob Eaton – nothing to report

10 . Facebook and Website Issues

10.1 Implementation: Accessibility Policy

- **Doug** will post part 3 of a series on alt-text for images
- People seem to be in compliance

10.2 Mission and Vision Change

- **Warrick** volunteered to try to update text on Facebook banner

11. Poverty Reduction Project – Transit Committee

11.1 No meetings have been held

12. Keep Transit Moving Coalition (Robert)

12.1 Meeting: Tuesday February 23, 2021

- General disappointment with Federal Government announcement of money for Transit – although dollars were promised for infrastructure no mention was made of funding for operating nor any mention of the need for a provincial match.

12.2 Next Meeting: March 30, 2021

13. Walking Saskatoon

13.1 Report on meeting on Sunday, February 21, 2021 (Peter)

13.2 Joint meeting with Jay Magus, Director of Transportation – April 19 - see Agenda 7.2.1

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 – (Peter)

14.3 Meetings with Councillors (**Robert**)

14.3. 1 Future meetings

14.3.1.1 Councillor Hill - Robert reported that there has been no response to e-mails of invitation. He will try messaging on Facebook

14.4 Civic Election

14.4.1 LiveableYXE2020 – Future of organization

- **Robert** will contact Saskatoon Cycles

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 to postpone asking to meet with opposition MLAs until we see if there is anything positive in the provincial budget regarding transit

14.6 Meeting with Kevin Waugh, MP – (**Curt**)

- Curt reported that he has had no success communicating by e-mail
- He will try an in person visit to Waugh's office
- **Jenn** volunteered to approach Redekpp, MP for SaskWest if this isn't successful

15. Other Business

15.1 There was a discussion on the review of speed limits on residential streets and the implications for Transit

16 . Date & time for next meeting: Wednesday April 14 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.