

Bus Riders of Saskatoon

May 26, 2021 – 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Zoom Video Conference

Present: Peter, Robert, Abhineet, Scott, Donna, Lila, Darcy, Douglas

Facilitator: Lila Recorder: Robert Regrets: Jenn, Bob, Curt, Jim, Sydney

1. Introductions and Group Norms (see below)
2. Finalization of Agenda.
3. Review of minutes of April 14, 2021 Meeting
4. Financial Report: Bank balance is \$239.85 – no change
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - 5.1 None
6. Correspondence
 - 6.1 Letter to Chrystia Freeland
 - No response other than an acknowledgement of receipt
 - 6.2 Pomeroy – Inaccessible Bus Stop
 - Pomeroy posted on our FB page how sidewalk construction in fall resulted in muddy terrain around a bus stop reducing accessibility
 - She was encouraged to report this to Transportation via the City's online report form
 - She reached out to Bus Riders as Transportation had not responded to her complaint
 - Robert is following up with Tom Simpson with Transportation regarding lack of response
7. City of Saskatoon Meetings
 - 7.2 Report on May 25, 2021 Meeting
 - 7.2.1 Corridor planning, electric bus pilot, mobile ticketing (including issues of ticket expiration), On-Demand,
 - 7.1 Next meeting: June 14th at 11:30
 - 7.2.1 Agenda Items: OnDemand, ridership levels, issues with dot matrix signage on buses, audible stop call outs on buses
 - 7.2.2 Attendees: Peter, Doug, Robert, Lila, Abhineet, Donna, (Scott)

8. Standing Policy Committee on Transportation

8.1 May 3, 2021 Meeting

8.1.1 Highlights: Saskatoon Transit 2020 Annual Report

8.2 Next meeting: Monday, June 7, 2021

9. Access Transit – Bob Eaton

- Nothing to report

10 . Facebook and Website Issues

10.1 Implementation: Accessibility Policy

- Doug reports that there have been few issues of non-compliance

10.2 Mission and Vision Change – to be reflected in the banner

10.3 Post Deletion Policy

- Doug will put together a draft from the survey he posted and bring it to the next meeting for discussion

10.4 Transit's 2020 Annual Report

- Robert will post graphics on our FB page from time to time
- Peter has posted the report on our website.

11. Poverty Reduction Project – Transit Committee

11.1 No meetings have been held

12. Keep Transit Moving Coalition (Robert, Peter, Lila)

12.1 Meeting: Tuesday May 25, 2020

- Topics discussed included federal funding for post-covid operations, OnDemand bus service, inter-city bus service, and Tina Sliva's winning case against Rider Express requiring interprovincial routes to have fully accessible washrooms or other modifications

12.2 Next Meeting: Tuesday June 29, 2021

13. Walking Saskatoon

- City's new asset management plan will lead to fewer streets without sidewalks and better maintenance of existing sidewalks
- AGM on June 22nd

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 - City has delayed public engagement process (Peter)

14.3 Meetings with Councillors (Robert)

14.3.1 Future meetings

14.3.2 Agreed that Robert should contact Councillor Jeffries

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

14.5.1.4 Agreed that Robert will try to set up a meeting with Matt Love

14.6 Meeting with Brad Redekopp

- Jenn reported that she hadn't received a reply to her e-mail and that she was going to send him a reminder

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15. Other Business

15.1 USSU

- Abhineet reported that there were not many issues for students with Transit right now
- Agreed to add USSU as a standing agenda item

15.2 Service changes during summer

- will result in reduced frequency on several routes
- concern expressed that decreased convenience for riders will result in reduced ridership – a vicious circle

15.3 Audible call out system on buses – when these aren't working we need to report it – including bus number, route, place, direction, time of day

15.4 Corridor Planning Consultations

- Discussion about how Bus Riders wants to participate in the City's corridor planning consultations
- Abhineet reported that he is involved on the College Avenue consultation in his capacity as USSU Vice-President
- Peter is our designated representative and will respond to the survey that has been sent to us

16 . Date & time for next meeting: Wednesday June 30 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.