

Bus Riders of Saskatoon
Meeting Minutes - July 14, 2021 - Zoom Video Conference

Facilitator: Curt Recorder: Robert Regrets: Lila

Present: Peter, Jim, Donna, Jenn, Doug, Steve

1. Introductions and Group Norms (see below)
2. Finalization of Agenda: Agreed to table all items except for 3, 5, 6, 8, 15, 16 & 17.
3. Review of minutes of May 26, 2021 Meeting – Minutes approved as circulated

5. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - 5.1 Bus Stop on 33rd Street and Quebec Ave. – Update
 - Robert reported on correspondence with Transportation and discussions with Transit Management
 - It appears that work to restore accessibility to this stop would have been carried out as a matter of course but somehow in this case, it was omitted from the construction schedule.
 - Transportation has assured us that a cement pad will be installed at this location
 - Transit informs us that internal adjustments in processes will improve communication between Transportation and Transit on such projects.

6. Correspondence
 - 6.1 Matt Love, MLA and Opposition critic for Municipal Affairs
 - In a follow-up e-mail from our meeting with him on July 6th, Mr. Love advises us that he has had some follow-up conversations and will report back to us as to progress he makes on this file.
 - 6.2 Climate Justice: Curt reported that he has responded to the e-mail we received last month but has not heard back.

8. City of Saskatoon Meetings
 - 8.1 Report on July 12, 2021 Meeting (Peter)
 - Attendees were given an update on BRT from project manager, Rob Dudiak

- Topics included start of construction of the BRT pilot station and the status of funding from senior governments including ICIP
- 8.2 Next meeting: Monday, August 16th at 2:30.
- 8.2.1 Agenda Items: Suggested that we request a meeting with Jim McDonald; Transit's plans for emergency situations, other suggestions should be sent to Peter
- 8.2.2 Attendees: Peter, Curt, Doug, Robert, Jenn and Jim expressed interest.

15. Actions and Action Plans for 2020-2021

15.1 2022 Budget – Priorities

- Post-Covid funding for operations

15.2 Fare Review – In progress (Peter)

- We should expect a public review process that should be beginning soon

15.3 Meetings with Councillors

15.3.1 Future meetings

15.3.1.1 Councillor Jeffries - Update

- Robert has been in touch with Council Jeffries and is working to set a meeting date.

15.4 Provincial Government

15.4.1 Meetings with Ministers/MLAs

15.4.1.1 Report on July 6, 2021 meeting with Opposition Municipal Affairs Critic Matt Love

- Meeting was attended by Peter, Curt, Jim and Robert
- Our objective was to discuss delays in federal infrastructure dollars for Transit which seem to be held up by the Provincial Government
- It was felt that Mr. Love was well informed and prepared for our meeting
- We suggested that he contact municipal leaders to get the official word on the status of ICIP funding for Saskatoon Transit
- (See item 6.1 for details regarding follow-up to this meeting.)

15.5 Federal Representatives

15.5.1 Meeting with Brad Redekopp, MP for Saskatoon-West

- Jenn reported that she had arranged a Zoom meeting for us on Wednesday, July 21st at 10:00
- Attendees: Jennifer, Peter, Curt, and Steve expressed interest.
- Robert will send out the link to other members of our core group.

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16. Other Business

16.1 Steve inquired whether anyone had information regarding the designation of September 30th as a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

17 . Date & time for next meeting: Tuesday August 11 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.