

Bus Riders of Saskatoon

September 16, 2021 – 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Zoom Video Conference

Facilitator: Curt Recorder: Robert Regrets: Shirley, Scott, Jim
Present: Lila, Bob, Peter, Sherry, Jenn, Doug, Donna, Steve, Sydney

1. Introductions and Group Norms (see below)
2. Finalization of Agenda.
3. Review of minutes of August 11, 2021 Meeting
4. Financial Report: Bank balance is \$339.86 – no change
5. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - 5.1 Climate Justice Saskatoon
 - This group is particularly interested in the Provincial Government blocking federal funding for infrastructure which in turn is likely to lead the City to purchase diesel rather than electric buses.
 - Agreed that Curt will invite someone from this group to present at our next meeting
 - More information on this group can be found on their website at www.climatejusticesaskatoon.ca
6. Correspondence
 - 6.1 Reply from Don McMorris, Minister of Government Relations
 - Reply included no promises and no timelines.
 - Agreed to bring this back to the next meeting – perhaps more progress can be made after the federal election
7. USSU – Issues – no report available
8. City of Saskatoon Meetings
 - 8.1 Next meeting: Tuesday September 21, 2021 @ 2:30 pm
 - 8.2.1 Agenda Items
 - Suggestions included mobile ticketing system, post-type seating at bus stops, effect of construction detours on Transit service, U of S research project, pandemic precautions, OnDemand RFP.

8.2.2 Attendees: Peter, Doug, Lila, Robert, Sherry, Donna, Curt and Bob expressed interest

9. Standing Policy Committee on Transportation

9.1 Meeting: September 6, 2021

9.1.1 Extension of BRT opening to 2026

9.2 Next meeting: Monday October 4th

10. Access Transit

10.1 Town Hall

- Agreed to host a Town Hall on Zoom which would focus on Access Transit issues
- Bob, Sydney, Jenn and Lila volunteered to form a committee to put together a proposal to bring to the next meeting.

11 . Facebook and Website Issues

11.1 Black Sun

- Curt reported that we received a warning that changes were needed to maintain security of our website
- He contacted Black Sun who took care of the issue

11.2 Facebook

- No major themes have emerged in the last month

12. Poverty Reduction Project – Transit Committee

12.1 No meetings have been held

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

13.1 Report on last meeting: Tuesday August 27, 2021

13.1.1 Federal Election Strategy

13.1.2 On Demand White Paper

- Peter is working on a description of the Saskatoon experience
- Steve and Sherry may have input to offer

14. Walking Saskatoon

14.1 Meeting – September 12, 2021

- Last meeting discussed City budget items and the proposal to lower speed limits on residential streets

15. Actions and Action Plans for 2021-2022

15.1 2022 Budget – Priorities

- Fleet renewal request with the most climate friendly buses
- Robert will contact City Clerks' office to ask when input to Council would be most appropriate

15.2 Fare Review – City has yet to announce when their public consultations will begin

15.3 Meetings with Councillors (Robert)

15.3.1 Future meetings

- 15.3.1.1 Councillor Jeffries – Still having problems communicating with this Councillor.

15.4 Provincial Government

15.4.1 Meetings with Ministers/MLAs

- No further actions planned at this time

15.5 Federal Representatives

- No further actions planned at this time

16. Other Business

16.1 Mission Statement revision to reflect sustainability?

- Curt will work with Jim on this

16.2 Partnerships

- It was suggested that Saskatoon could use an umbrella group of activist organizations such as LiveableYXE.
- Sherry offered to put Robert in contact with the President of Saskatoon Cycles

16.3 U. of S. - Research Junction

- Lila drew our attention to a joint City/University research project entitled "Shaping a More Responsive Transit System"

16.4 Active Transportation

- Discussion of the 'silos' within the Transportation Department that still appear to be a barrier to progress

17 . Date & time for next meeting: Wednesday, October 13th.

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.