## Bus Riders of Saskatoon November 17, 2021 – 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Zoom Meeting

Facilitator: Curt Recorder: Robert Regrets: Jim, Ingrid

Present: Lila, Peter, Donna, Scott, Bob, Sherry, Sydney

- 1. Introductions and Group Norms (see below)
- 2. Finalization of Agenda.
- 3. Review and amendment of minutes of October 13, 2021 Meeting
- 4. Financial Report: Bank balance is \$384.86 unchanged
- 5. Business Arising from the Minutes
  - 5.1 Mission Statement Revision
    - Scott will work with Curt on this
  - 5.2 Liveable YXE
    - Murray Gross will seek endorsement from Saskatoon Cycles for renewed activity including periodic meetings for participant groups
- 6. Correspondence none
- 7. USSU The USSU is now having their own meetings with the City. Agreed to remove this item from our standing agenda.
- 8. City of Saskatoon Meetings
  - 8.1 Report on October 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting: Services standards, OnDemand Transit were topics for discussion.
  - 8.2 Next meeting: Tuesday November 30, 2021 @ 9:30 pm
    - 8.2.1 Agenda Items: Demonstration of Transit's Dashboard and if time issues raised on our FB page (see 11.1)
    - 8.2.2 Group agreed to request return to Monday afternoon meetings.
    - 8.2.2 Attendees: Bob. Robert. Sherry, Peter, Donna
- 9. Standing Policy Committee on Transportation
  - 9.1 Meeting: November 1, 2021
    - 9.1.1 Service Standards approved by SPCOT
    - 9.1.2 Letters from Gallen (service standards and Bora (On Demand) received with direction to Administration to communicate with the writers
  - 9.2 Next meeting: Monday December 6<sup>th</sup>

- 10. Access Transit Bob/Sydney
  - 10.1 Town Hall Proposal Update
    - Postponed until January
    - Conclusion that hosting by Transit would make it easier to publicize meeting
    - Transit seems keen to participate
    - Bob will communicate with Transit

## 11. Facebook and Website Issues

- 11.1 Themes: Service in Montgomery, hours of service, OnDemand, shelter vandalism and litter, needle pick-up, Market Mall, drive-bys, 40 minute service causing transfer disruption, customer service hours, on board video -privacy concerns these issues will be brought up to a future meeting with Transit
- 12. Keep Transit Moving Coalition (Robert, Peter, Lila)
  - 12.1 Report on last meeting: Tuesday October 26, 2021
     12.1.1 MicroTransit [OnDemand] White Paper, Letter to new Minister of Transportation/Infrastructure Minister, Letter writing workshop, Virtual rally around federal budget
  - 12.2 Next Meeting: Tuesday November 30th, 2021 at 4:00 ET
- 13. Walking Saskatoon
  - 13.1 Meeting November 7, 2021 (Peter)
    - City budget focus on missing sidewalks, need to attention to sidewalks along cycling routes and on Meewasin Trail upgrades
- 14. Actions and Action Plans for 2021-2022
  - 14.1 2022 Budget Priorities (Peter)
    - Budget meeting open for presentations Monday, November 29.
    - Robert to present with a focus on the need to new buses with a strong preference for electric vehicles
  - 14.2 Fare Review In progress (Peter)
  - 14.3 Meetings with Councillors (Robert)
    - Agreed to table this until the new year

- 14.4 Provincial Government
  - 14.4.1 Meetings with Ministers/MLAs
    - Bob will contact Don Morgan
- 14.5 Federal Representatives
- 14.5.1 New Conservative Party Infrastructure Critic Andrew Scheer 14.6Corridor Consultations (Peter)
  - Peter has been attending these meetings on our behalf to be sure a Transit lens is put on corridor development
- 15. Other Business
  - 15.1 Transit Wayfinding Consultation
    - Held on October 24
    - A focus group to get input into development of BRT signage
    - Attended by Ingrid, Cheryl, Robert, Peter, Verna, Donna, Sherry, Don
  - 15.2 Transportation Wayfinding Consultation
    - Held on November 16
    - Robert attended pointed out the need for wayfinding signage for nearest BRT routes, not just terminals
    - Focus on signage for destination points, pedestrian signage
  - 16. Date & time for next meeting: January 12, 2022

## **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.