**Bus Riders of Saskatoon**

**April 14 – 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Zoom Video Conference**

Facilitator: Curt Recorder: Robert Regrets: None

Present: Lila, Jim, Curt, Peter, Jennifer, Odin, Robert, Sherry, Donna, Scott, Stevie

1. Welcome

2. Finalization of Agenda.

3. Review of minutes of March 14, 2022 meeting. Minutes Accepted.

4. Date & time for next meeting: Monday, May 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Liveable YXE – in progress

5.2 EarthNet (Jim)

* Bus Riders now has an official presence on the site
* People are encouraged to check it out at – www.earthnet.world

5.3 Saskatoon Poverty Reduction Project – Report on April 5th meeting

* Sherri and Lila reported on this first meeting organizational meeting since start of Covid-19
* Transit sub-group will be re-established

6. Correspondence

6.1 None reported

7. Facebook Issues

7.1 Themes: Service disruptions/stop closures (thanks Sherry), alcohol consumption on buses, transit in other cities: Regina, Edmonton, Victoria, Transit Operator and Worker Appreciation Day (thanks Sherry), College Corridor Planning (thanks Peter), mask use on buses, changes to Route 6, “Spadina Bus”, lost wallet, transit app development, rider to rider assistance – routes and pass purchases, “dead” bus sightings, special event bus service, lack of garbage cans at Market Mall.

8. City of Saskatoon Meetings

8.1 Report on April 12th Meeting: Wide range discussion of topics included art project for schools, bus shelter art project, mask usage, new launch of OnDemand, fare box issues, possible schedule changes on June 26, trash cans at Market Mall, challenges during the pandemic, ridership stats

8.2 Next meeting: Monday May 9, 2022 at 2:30 pm

8.2.1 Agenda Items: We have asked to meet with Jim

McDonald at a future meeting, Dashboard when ready, other topics that may come up

8.2.2 Possible Attendees: Curt, Robert, Peter, Lila, Jenn, James, Sherry, Donna, Scott

9. Standing Policy Committee on Transportation (SPCOT)

9.1 Meeting: April 11, 2022

9.1.1 Investigations of Service Disruptions

* The City’s audit department will carry this out and report back sometime during the summer

9.2 Next SPCOT Meeting: Monday, May, 2, 2022 at 2:00 pm

9.A. City Council Meeting – March 28 – Review of Masking Requirement

* Robert reported on his presentation to Council requesting that mandatory masking be retained contrary to Administration’s recommendation.
* Council voted 8 to 3 in favour of mandatory masking on transit – to be reviewed on a monthly basis

10. Break Out Discussions – Topic: BRT – What do we know and what don’t we know? Interesting questions were raised – Food for thought for the future.

11. Access Transit – Bob/Sydney

11.1 Town Hall – No report – tabled

12. Keep Transit Moving Coalition (Robert)

12.1 Report on last meeting: Tuesday April 5, 2022

* Robert attended. Most discussion on upcoming federal budget, strategies for the Ontario election.

12.2 Next Meeting: Tuesday April 26th (?) at 4:00 pm ET.

13. Ongoing Actions

13.1 Councillor Meeting – Jeffries – Thursday - April 28th at 1:00 – 1:45

* Link will be sent out to all attending this meeting

13.2 MLA Meeting – Bob E. – tabled

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14. Other Business

14.1 Meeting with Mayor Clark

* Mayor Clark encouraged us in our efforts to improve Transit

14.2 On Demand

* Transit will be doing a ‘soft relaunch’ in mid-May – need volunteers to test out new system.
* Sherry is willing to be one of those volunteers
* Robert will put a call out on our FB page
* Suggested that he also contact some of those who we know have been using the service

14.3 Downtown Business Association Videos

* The DBA is producing a series of videos to promote downtown
* We are unsure if there will be a transit component
* Robert will contact Brent Penner, CEO to inquire

14.4 Website: Peter expressed the need to reorganize our site. Curt will discuss with Peter. Robert suggested archiving Peter’s blog series so they are more easily accessible

Impromptu discussions on fare box issues and free transit, potential schedule changes at end of June,

15. Adjournment