

**Bus Riders of Saskatoon**  
**October 17, 2022 – 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Zoom Video Conference**

Facilitator: Curt            Recorder: Robert            Regrets:  
Present: Lila, Peter, Odin, Jenn, Peter, Sherry, Sydney, Stevie

1. Welcome
2. Finalization of Agenda.
3. Review of minutes of September 12, 2022 meeting.
4. Date & time for next meeting: Suggest Monday November 21, 2022 at 7:00 pm
5. Business Arising from the Minutes -
  - 5.1 Safety report to Councillors – Robert will do this.
  - 5.2 Website domain registration payment – completed
  - 5.3 Eligibility for Social Assistance bus pass / Ease of Purchase – Robert reported that the feedback on Facebook is that recipients appreciate the discounted pass but that they wish they didn't have to go to the service centre downtown to renew it – this requirement is in the hands of Social Services
  - 5.4 Saskatoon Poverty Reduction – September 29 meeting
    - Lila reported that this was more of a meet and greet than a business meeting as it was the first in person one since Covid
    - SPRP – have joined with the anti-Racism organization and have put on an anti racism workshop – Lila attended
6. Correspondence
  - 6.1 Complaint re Facebook posting of photo of bus passenger
    - Discussion – consensus - poster should have permission if the person is identifiable. Otherwise posting of photos of people on our FB page should be avoided if they can be identified
7. Facebook/Website Issues
  - 7.1 Facebook – Lots of traffic this past month and lots of different subject areas: Saskatoon Transit info/news (11), transit news from other centres – NYC, Edmonton, Toronto, Regina, Sydney, Vancouver (10), On Demand (1), Requests for information (10), accolades (3), City of

Saskatoon or other news (6), service issues (8), More Than Transit (2), transit planning – general (8), shelters (1), over crowding (3), accessibility (3), rider behaviour (3), safety (2), BRS info (2), rider tips (1), other (1).

## 7.2 Website Content

7.2.1 Q. Dominic's Videos? Site link ? Robert will contact Dominic for discussion.

7.2.2 Q. More recent presentations to Council? Robert will forward one or more of these to Curt.

- Discussion of possible contributions that others could write up for posting – Attendees asked to think about what they could write about for posting and we will discuss at the next meeting.

7.2.2 Q. Sub-directory for meeting minutes - Suggested that perhaps we could engage Rob Butz for this. Robert will follow up with him.

7.3 BRS Twitter Account? Sherry has tried to find out who is tweeting on this account. The account is BTRTransitYXE. Robert will contact Brian Hoessler whose name is attached to the account.

## 8. City of Saskatoon Meetings

8.1 Last meeting: October 17, 2022 at 1:30 pm – Update from Transit on BRT.

- Meeting was held with Rob Dudiak who is back from leave
  - Pilot station may be complete before the end of 2022
    - will be used to train drivers and to test technical equipment
- Bus Riders will be invited out to view and comment on the station once it is completed
- City has now been allowed to apply for federal funding for BRT – if approval is granted early in 2023 work can begin on the BRT infrastructure
- Discussion of bus shelters and how to make them less prone to vandalism
- Discussion of coordination of the construction of pedestrian and cycling infrastructure – esp. along College Avenue

8.2 Next meeting: Tuesday November 15, 2022

8.2.1 Potential Agenda Items: Auditor's report? City Budget ? Fleet renewal?

8.2.2 Attendees: Curt, Peter, (Lila), (Odin), Robert

9. Standing Policy Committee on Transportation (SPCOT) - October 3, 2022

9.1 Agenda Item 11.1 City Auditor – In Camera Session

- we can only guess that this was about postponing the Auditor's report on last winter's service disruptions

10. City Council Meetings

10.1 City Council Meeting – September 26, 2022

10.1.1 Agenda Item 8.5.3 SPCOT Committee appointments for 2023:

Councillor R. Donauer

Councillor B. Dubois

Councillor D. Hill

Councillor S. Gersher

Councillor D. Kirton

(Jeffries off, Gersher on. Chair TBD. )

10.1.2 Agenda Item 10.5.1 Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program

Funding Application for BRT: Application to be submitted with Federal share at \$100 M, Province 83.3 M, City 71.7 M. Includes 60 M for new buses.

Details here: <https://pub-saskatoon.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=172323>

11. Breakout Session: Designing the feeder network. Examination of the HDR map and discussing improvements.

- members identified areas lacking in service (eg. Lowe Road, Lakewood Medical Clinic, High Schools), very long one-way loops

- seems to be a trade off between the walking distance to a bus route and the frequency of service -

12. Access Transit – Bob/Sydney – no report

13. Keep Transit Moving Coalition (Robert)

13. Next Meeting: Thursday October 27th at 4:00 pm ET.

## 14. Ongoing Actions

### 14.1 Councillor Meetings

14.1.1 Next Councillor? Curt will work with City Hall to set up a meeting with Councillor Hill.

14.2 MLA – Jenn will research the potential for a meeting with Saskatoon's newest MLA – Nathaniel Tweed

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## 15. Other Business

15.1 City Auditor Report on Service Disruptions – now due November 7<sup>th</sup>.

- Robert reviewed the meeting that he and Peter attended with the Auditor

15.2 Discussion about vandalism of bus shelters

## 16. Adjournment

### 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.

