

**Minutes for BRS-TRANSIT hybrid meeting at City Hall (available online via Zoom)  
Monday, 12 February 2024 @ 1:30-2:45pm**

**ATTENDANCE:**

- Saskatoon Transit (Transit):
  - Cory Shrigley, Customer Service & Engagement Manager
  - Braden Cline, Johnson-Shoyama Executive Intern
- Engagement:
  - Thomas Kinge, Engagement Consultant
- Bus Riders of Saskatoon (BRS):
  - Robert Clipperton, Spokesperson and Steering Committee Member
  - Peter Gallén, Transit Co-ordinator and Steering Committee Member
  - Lila Wagner, Steering Committee Member
  - James Wood, Steering Committee Member
  - Curt McCoshen, Steering Committee Member

**ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**

- For this hybrid meeting: Cory led the discussion and Peter prepared the minutes.
- Hybrid vs. in-person meetings: Next meeting to be online only.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) Longer-term Transit Plans:
  - a. Since time ran out at the previous meeting, BRS repeated at this meeting their interest in finding ways to define and discuss with Saskatoon Transit perceived shortcomings in current transit services and Transit's longer-term plans to address them.
  - b. As a start, BRS wondered if Saskatoon Transit has a 'living list' of current shortcomings and potential future improvements:
    - i. Apparently no such written lists exist at the moment at Transit.
    - ii. And such a written list doesn't yet exist at BRS either.
    - iii. In essence, there seems to be a lack of a publicly available, (preferably) prioritized and (perhaps) officially approved list of potential, (deeply examined/evaluated), transit 'improvement needs, plans and projects'.
  - c. While the two parties then proceeded to describe a variety of particular examples for potential discussion, no clear path was agreed upon at this meeting as to how to structure our discussions of such longer-term improvement and planning issues.
    - i. Consequently, the issue of both the process and the contents of such discussions was postponed to another meeting for further deliberations.
  - d. On a direct question, Transit noted that both the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) network and the New Transit Network are still expected to 'go-live' in 2027.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 2) Engagements on Free Child Fares:
  - a. An expansion of Free Child Fares is expected to be implemented in September 2024.
  - b. A first report to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation is expected in June.
  - c. An industry-wide scan of implementations of Free Child Fares in other cities has begun.
  - d. Stakeholder engagements have already commenced with the two School Boards in Saskatoon to explore how they could be of assistance in the implementation.
  - e. Public engagements will commence soon.
- 3) Signage Improvements required:
  - a. BRS informed Transit that the bus stop sign on the south side of the Downtown Terminal for Route # 5 heading towards the River showed incorrect destination.
  - b. BRS also suggested that 'No Smoking'-requests on bus stop shelters and elsewhere need to be conveyed through non-verbal, locally and internationally recognized symbols.
- 4) Requests for information:
  - a. BRS was interested in receiving a list of interlaced routes.
    - i. Transit was willing to provide such a list on the understanding that it would *not* be made public (the reason being that the list may undergo changes).
  - b. BRS was also interested in receiving a list of routes that are affected by train delays.
    - i. Transit promised to provide this list.

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, 11 March 2024 @ 1:30pm (online by Zoom).