

**Minutes for BRS-TRANSIT online meeting via Zoom
Monday, 11 March 2024 @ 1:30-2:30pm**

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
 - Curt McCoshen, Steering Committee Member
 - Lila Wagner, Steering Committee Member
 - James Wood, Steering Committee Member

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

- For this online meeting: Lila led the discussion and Peter prepared the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) None

NEW BUSINESS

- 2) Fleet Plans:
 - a. Transit is still awaiting the report from CUTRIC on the implementation of electric buses in Saskatoon.
 - b. Since the 12-month pilot, Transit will be receiving its first electric buses (two 40-foot Novabus LFSe) plus battery-charging equipment for the COC as well as tools and spare parts.
 - c. Transit was unprepared to provide in-depth information on bus interiors and the thinking behind the proposals for various bus purchases outlined in *Transit's Long-Term Fleet Renewal and Funding Strategy* submitted to SPCoT on 5 December 2023.
- 3) Implementation of Free Child Fares:
 - a. Public engagements have been announced for March 14, 19 and 21.
 - b. A summary report on the engagement plus another report on the implications for Transit as a result of the proposed implementation of expanded Free Child Fares will go to SPCoT and Council in June for a decision on this project.
- 4) Service Disruptions:
 - a. Saskatoon Transit has been notified by the third-party Transit-app that misinformation Riders encounter in the app comes from Saskatoon Transit's own Open Data.

- 5) Fare Review and ULIS-project:
 - a. BRS requested the name of the Project Manager/Administrator for the City's Universal Low-Income Subsidy (ULIS) project, which will also include the Transit Fare Review.
 - i. Transit noted that the ULIS-project falls under Chief Public Policy and Government Relations Officer Mike Jordan.
- 6) Upcoming service/route changes in July 2024:
 - a. Route 26 will be extended to Brighton.
 - b. Route 86 will be split within Rosewood.
 - c. On-Demand service will be introduced to Aspen Ridge, and On-Demand will continue servicing Kensington.
 - d. Book-out at peak will increase in September to 85 from the current 84 buses

NEXT MEETING: Monday, 15 April 2024 @ 1:30pm (online by Zoom).