

NORTH WEST TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

March 9, 2011

PRESENT: Mr. John Merrick, Chair
Mr. Stephen J. Scott, Vice-Chair
Mr. Phil Cox
Mr. Alan Barnhill
Ms. Christina Parker

REGRETS: Mr. William Chaffey
Mr. Michael Cormier
Mr. Ian MacLaine
Mr. Gunther Seyffarth
Mr. Michael Cormier
Councillor Brad Johns

STAFF: Ms. Sarah Pellerine, Legislative Support

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05PM in the Acadia Room 1, Sackville Planning Office, 636 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 9, 2011

MOVED by Mr. Stephen J. Scott, seconded by Mr. Alan Barnhill that the minutes of February 9, 2011, as presented, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions:

- Discuss on how the Committee would handle an inquiry from the Greater Hammonds Plains Community Association with regards to transit in their area.
- Discussion regarding the election.
- Discussion regarding how Metro Transit measures their On-time performance

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

5.1 Election of Chair / Vice-Chair – Moved to added items

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS - NONE

7. REPORTS

7.1 Committee Members

7.1.1 Bedford Visioning

Mr. Merrick advised that the Bedford visioning is going along great and has been brought to a steering committee. There will be a final revision and should go to the NWACC in April.

7.2 Staff

7.2.1 Transit Service for Lucasville Road and Area Status Update

The North West Transit Committee would like to obtain a report from Metro Transit with the status update on the Transit Service for Lucasville Road and Area.

MOVED by Mr. Stephen J. Scott, seconded by Ms. Christina Parker that a report regarding Transit Services in the Lucasville Road and Area be obtained from Metro Transit. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.2.2 Dartmouth Transit Terminal Status Update

The North West Transit Committee would like to obtain a report from Metro Transit on the status of the Dartmouth Transit Terminal

MOVED by Ms. Christina Parker, seconded by Mr. Alan Barnhill that a report regarding the Dartmouth Transit Terminal be obtained from Metro Transit. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.2.3 Route 84 Overflow Buses

It was noted the issue on the lack of overflow buses along route 84 has been brought to the attention of Metro Transit officials. The Committee would like to note as well, since the last meeting there seem to be additional buses along route 84 and service has been very good on this route.

7.2.4 Park and Ride at Highway 101 and 103 Status Update

The North West Transit Committee would like to obtain a report from Metro Transit on the status of the Park and Ride at Highway 101 and 103

MOVED by Mr. Stephen J. Scott, seconded by Ms. Christina Parker that a report regarding the Park and Ride at Highway 101 and 103 be obtained from Metro Transit. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.2.5 Old Sackville Road/Walker Connector Road

The North West Transit Committee moved the Request that an (RA-5) Overhead Crosswalk Sign be put in place at the intersection of the Walker Connector Road/Old Sackville Road, Lower Sackville be brought to the North West Community Council.

MOVED by Ms. Christina Parker, seconded by Mr. Alan Barnhill that a report regarding an Overhead Crosswalk Sign on Walker Connector Road/Old Sackville Road be brought to North West Community Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Bus Route from Highway 103 into Bedford

The Committee discussed the subject of possible Park and Rides at the foot of major subdivision within the Greater Hammonds Plains area. The North West Transit Committee would like consideration from Metro Transit to implement a bus route from the park and ride at highway 103 in Tantallon, along the Hammonds Plains Road into Bedford.

MOVED by Ms. Christina Parker, seconded by Mr. Phil Cox that consideration be brought to Metro Transit regarding a bus route from Highway 103 along the Hammond Plains Road into Bedford. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

8.2 On-time Measurement

The Committee discussed On-time performance and if there is a measurement used by Metro Transit to make sure this service is running proficient. It was noted that the on-time is not as exact as it should be and can begin to cause issues when having to take connections. The North West Transit Committee would like to request from Metro Transit how the On-Time performance is measured as well as the results.

MOVED by Mr. Alan Barnhill, seconded by Ms. Christina Parker that a request be put into Metro Transit for a report on measurements of the On-time performance. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

8.3 Election of the Chair/Vice Chair

MOVED by Mr. Stephen J. Scott, seconded by Mr. Alan Barnhill that the election of the Chair/Vice Chair be deferred to the next meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

8.4 Follow up on Route 33

The North West Transit Committee would like to obtain a report from Metro Transit regarding follow up from the November meeting and Route 33, if the Route will go into Pine Tree and Yankee Town.

MOVED by Ms. Christina Parker, seconded by Mr. Alan Barnhill that a report regarding changed to be made along Route 33 be obtained from Metro Transit. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – April 13, 2011

The January meeting will be held in the Acadia Room 1, 1st Floor Sackville Library 363 Sackville Drive, Lr. Sackville.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16PM.

Sarah Pellerine
Legislative Support