

NORTH WEST TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

October 14, 2009

PRESENT:

Mr. William Chaffey
Mr. Michael Cormier, Chair
Mr. John Merrick, Vice Chair
Councillor Brad Johns
Mr. Stephen James Scott

REGRETS:

Mr. Ian MacLaine
Mr. Gunther Seyffarth
Mr. Philip Cox
Mr. Terry Churney

STAFF:

Mr. David Reage, Planning & Project Delivery Coordinator
Ms. Chris Newson, Legislative Assistant
Ms. Paulette Campbell, Legislative Support

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Mr. Michael Cormier, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Planning Boardroom, 1st Floor, Sackville Planning Office.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 24, 2009

MOVED BY Mr. Cormier, seconded by Mr. Scott that the minutes of June 24, 2009, as presented, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS AND ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Additions: 8.1 Transition of the North West Transit Advisory Committee - Councillor Johns

The Committee agreed to the Agenda as amended.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Transit Shelter Cost Sharing - Damascus Road

- An Information Report dated May 22, 2009 was before the Committee.

Mr. David Reage, Coordinator, Planning and Project Delivery, Metro Transit, advised that there was no new information.

Councillor Johns explained that he understood Wal-Mart was prepared to do cost share.

- It is sitting with Councillor Outhit
- Bring Forward for six months (Action)

The Committee requested an update on the status of the bus shelter for the next meeting.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - None

4. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATION

6.1 Correspondence

Items 6.1.1 and 6.1.2 were dealt with together at this time.

6.1.1 Letter dated August 5, 2009 from Mr. Robert Wilde

Mr. Reage advised that Metro Transit has dealt with this issue and explained to Mr. Wilde

that Metro Transit does not own the property, therefore; HRM was not able to perform any maintenance. HRM is attempting to acquire the property. If HRM obtains ownership of the property, the paving and maintenance will take place.

Mr. John Merrick entered the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

6.1.2 Letter dated August 14, 2009 from Mr. Dave Reage, Coordinator, Planning & Project Delivery, Metro Transit

This item was dealt with under Item 6.1.1. See page 3.

6.2 Petitions - None

6.3 Delegations - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 North West Community Council

7.1.1 Bus Service - Old Sackville Road to Cobequid Bus Terminal

A motion from the North West Community Council dated August 26, 2009 was before the Committee for consideration.

Mr. Reage advised that Metro Transit lacked the resources to provide the requested service expansion at this time as it would be a low priority. He explained that there was a five (5) year plan coming forward that would include information on routes in rural communities.

The Committee supported the intent of the motion for service to the Old Sackville Road area, however; concurred with staff that due to the limited resources available to Metro Transit the expansion or extension of service to this area would be a low priority. Metro Transit was requested to consider the proposed service expansion in their future operational and budgetary planning.

The Legislative Assistant will forward an Information Report to the North West Community Council advising of the Committee's decision.

7.2 Bedford Visioning

Mr. John Merrick presented a verbal update on the Bedford Visioning project. He noted that:

- presentation for end of month on the Bedford Visioning Project.
- information from consultants that was worked on over the summer.
- coming up with proposal for what the Bedford waterfront should look like.
- the information from the consultants was very interesting and unique ideas.

7.3 Cost Sharing Possibilities with Wal-Mart for Bus Shelter

This item was discussed under Item 4.1. See page 3.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 TRANSITION OF THE NORTH WEST TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Johns requested that the Committee consider one of two options in regard to the future of the North West Transit Advisory Committee; to remain a district advisory committee, or; to merge with a Regional Transportation Advisory Committee. The Regional Transportation Advisory Committee would consider all matters pertaining to transportation and all forms of transportation including bikeways and trails.

The Committee agreed to consider this matter at their November meeting.

The Legislative Assistant was requested to invite all Councillors serving on the North West Community Council to the November 18th meeting. This matter was to be the only item on the agenda.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE - November 18, 2009

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Paulette Campbell
Legislative Support