

NORTH WEST TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

April 14, 2010

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Brad Johns  
Mr. John Merrick  
Mr. William Chaffey  
Mr. Alan Barnhill  
Mr. Stephen James Scott  
Mr. Phillip Cox  
Mr. Gunther Seyffarth  
Ms. Christina Parker

REGRETS: Mr. Ian MacLaine  
Mr. Michael Cormier  
Mr. Terry Churney

STAFF: Ms. Paulette Campbell, Legislative Support

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Planning Boardroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Sackville Planning Office.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 13, 2010**

**MOVED by Mr. Brad Johns, seconded by Mr. Stephen Scott that the North West Transit Committee approve the minutes of January 13, 2010 as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**3. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS AND ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

Additions:   8.1   Election of Chair and Vice Chair.  
                  8.2   Concerns Regarding Metro Transit Metro X

Agenda approved as amended.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES - None**

**5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

**5.1 Observations - Metro Transit 2009 Five Year Strategic Operations Plan**

Mr. Bill chaffey refreshed the committee on the Metro Transit 2009 Five Year Strategic Plan. After his presentation the following comments were made:

- C     concern that metro transit bus #81 no longer going downtown, it will be putting more people on an overcrowded bus, already;
- C     Metro Transit bus #84 already at full capacity;
- C     Metro Transit #80 will also be overcrowded,
- C     Metro Transit #80 will change to 10 minute service in later years.

Deputy Mayor Johns offered to forward a message to Metro Transit to see when staff will attend a meeting to answer some of the questions.

- C     Proposed changes in 5 year strategy to metro transit #82, 81, and 85
- C     The committee feels these changes will impact negatively on rider ship or force people to look for alternatives means of transportation.
- C     Get some feedback from metro transit as to when proposals will be implemented.
- C     Provide reasons as to why they made these recommendations were

brought in.

- C Was the recommendations based on hard numbers or survey.
- C Specific information regarding metro transit #80.
- C Metro transit #88 should be a connection between any extension of Duke, Rocky Lake and it should connect to malls, the route should continue down Rocky Lake and then back to Sackville - we have already recommended this.
- C There has been complaints from people working in Bedford Commons as buses don't run properly during business hours, the routes do not work for the working people out there.

Send action summary to Eddy at metro transit.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATION**

**6.1 Correspondence** - None

**6.2 Petitions** - None

**6.3 Delegations** - None

## **7. REPORTS**

### **7.1 Bedford Visioning**

Mr. John Merrick gave a brief discussion with respect to the Bedford Visioning Project.

### **7.2 Hybrid Buses**

Deputy Mayor Brad Johns provided a brief review on Hybrid Buses. He noted that:

- The Hybrid buses were not funded by Metro Transit, they were funded by the provincial government.
- These buses are approximately three (3) feet longer than a normal articulated bus; they are very narrow and are hard to manoeuvre in the middle part of the bus due to seating placement and lack of handles.

## **8. ADDED ITEMS**

### **8.1 Approval of the Chair and Vice-chair**

The Legislative Assistant called for nominations for the Chair of the Committee.

**MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Brad Johns, seconded by Ms. Christina Parker that the**

**North West Transit Advisory Committee approve the nomination of Mr. John Merrick to be Chair of the North West Transit Advisory Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED**

The Legislative Assistant called three times for further nominations, hearing none, nominations were closed.

Mr. John Merrick accepted the nomination and the appointment as Chair of the North West Transit Advisory Committee.

Mr. John Merrick, Chair, called for nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Committee.

**MOVED by Mr. Bill Chaffey seconded by Ms. Christina Parker that the North West Transit Advisory Committee approve the nomination of Mr. Stephen Scott to Vice-Chair of the North West Transit Advisory Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

Mr. John Merrick, Chair called three times for further nominations, hearing none, nominations were closed.

Mr. Stephen Scott accepted the nomination and the appointment as Vice-Chair of the North West Transit Advisory Committee.

## **8.2 Concerns Regarding Metro Transit Metro x**

There was considerable discussion on this point, Mr. Eddie Robar stated that there are not enough resources to route the Metro X into the dockyard and suggested the expectation of additional passengers would very likely exceed the ability of the current fleet service availability to absorb additional capacity.

**MOVED by Ms. Christina Parker, seconded by Mr. Stephen Scott that an action item for the next North West Transit Advisory Committee meeting with respect to the metro transit Metro X bus, to increase bus capacity in order to accommodate an extra stop at the Halifax Dockyard, to allow for an anticipated volume of extra passengers. MOTION PUT AND PASSED**

## **9. NEXT MEETING DATE - May 12, 2010**

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Ms. Paulette Campbell  
Legislative Support