

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

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NORTH WEST TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

June 9, 2010

PRESENT:                   Mr. John Merrick  
                              Mr. William Chaffey  
                              Mr. Gunther Seyffarth  
                              Ms. Christina Parker  
                              Mr. Ian MacLaine  
                              Mr. Philip Cox  
                              Mr. Michael Cormier  
                              Mr. Stephen James Scott

REGRETS:                 Deputy Mayor Johns  
                              Mr. Alan Barnhill  
                              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 Sackville Planning Office Boardroom, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 636 Sackville Drive

## 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 12, 2010

Corrections:

C Regrets were given by Mr. Michael Cormier for the April meeting

The North West Transit Advisory Committee requested that section 4.1 of the May 12, 2010 minutes be revised and the following wording included:

- C Last year the average number of passengers per hour on Route 82 was 25, but the ridership in peak periods approaches the maximum possible per bus.
- C NWTAC has heard from the community that the Route 88 schedule is not conducive to employees working in Bedford Commons. The first morning run arrives at the Commons at or after regular work hours commence and the last evening run departs at or before the close of business. An adjustment of the schedule would better serve the business park to arrive 15 minutes before store opening and departing 15 minutes past 10:00 p.m. in order to meet the needs of employees. NWTAC also suggested that route 88 should change to run between Bedford Commons and connecting to the other shopping centres in Bedford, then continuing on to the Cobequid Terminal.
- C Mr. Eddie Robar explained that there are not enough resources to route the Metro X into the dockyard. The expectation of additional passengers would very likely exceed the ability of the current fleet service availability to absorb additional capacity.

Item 7.2 - in Corrections of April 14, 2010 minutes

- Purchased should read funded
- Articulate should read articulated

Item 8.2 - in Corrections of April 14, 2010 minutes

- 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.

Item 8.0

- ...how much support be given to Mr. Robar and his group.

**MOVED BY Mr. Ian MacLaine, seconded by Mr. Stephen Scott, that the minutes of May 12, 2010, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**3. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS AND ADDITIONS/DELETIONS  
ADDITIONS - NONE**

**MOVED BY Mr. Phil Cox, seconded by Ms. Christina Parker that the agenda, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES**

**4.1 North West Transit Advisory Committee 2010/11 Workplan**

Mr. Merrick circulated a hand out with respect to suggestions for a workplan for the 2010/11 year.

After review of the hand out the following comments were made.

- terms of reference of the committee advisory body to transit services does not preclude vehicle and pedestrian traffic, it could even include sidewalks to and from terminals, bus stops, etc.
- the five-year Metro Transit plan is not cast in concrete, therefore; the Committee should be aware of developing needs over the next five years and, if there are good, substantiated suggestions they could be formally presented to the North West Community Council for consideration
- the Committee should make themselves more visible to the Community Council and the public, which in turn would make them more visible to Metro Transit
  - C one way to increase public awareness would be to advertise in the local weekly newspapers and on resident association websites.
  - C the local papers may wish to send a reporter to cover selected meetings when relevant topics are on the agenda
  - C some Committee members have received e-mails from residents requesting action/information or offering a complaint which have then been discussed at Committee meetings; those commentators have also been directed to contact the 490-4000 HRM Customer Service line
  - C invite the local media to do a feature on the Committee identifying what it is and what they do

- invite the newspapers to do a feature on the committee, identify who we are and what we do.
- invite the public to attend the meetings as observers and inform them what happens with the information we receive from them; explain the process
- advertise if the monthly meeting is not going to be held
- set up a form of status sheet or bring forward sheet, in order to not lose track of items raised and to obtain updates on their status
- present larger topics of concern to the North West Community Council in order to have them in the public record and to raise the Committee's visibility
- ensure the Committee members are aware of the finer details of timing, routing, transfer connections, etc. on routes of interest in their communities in order to bring forward suggested schedule efficiencies and safety items for review and possible action requested of the North West Community Council
- inquire if it is possible to put a status sheet/bring forward sheet on the HRM website so the community would be able to see what is being done on a monthly basis.

Mr. Phillip Cox and Mr. Bill Chaffey to get together to work on the bring forward agenda.

## **5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

### **5.1 Proposed Transit Advisory Committee for the Peninsula Community Council (*Deferred from May 12, 2010*)**

No update available at this time. Item deferred to the next meeting.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATION - None**

## **7. REPORTS**

### **7.1 Committee Members**

#### **7.1.1 Bedford Visioning**

Mr. Merrick advised that a major meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at the Basinview School which will give the results of the third review of the Visioning Program. There may also be other suggestions that will eventually go to Community Council for approval and principle. The meeting will be open to the public.

## **8. ADDED ITEMS - NONE**

**9. NEXT MEETING DATE - September 8, 2010 (*Location to be Confirmed*)**

Items to be added to the next meeting agenda.

- Widening of Walker Connector Road Intersection
- Left Turn Signal Required for Cobequid Terminal
- Request for Right of Way Required at Fairview Overpass
- Status Sheet / Bring Forward Sheet

The Committee suggested holding a meeting at the new Metro Transit facility in the fall of 2010.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Paulette Campbell  
Legislative Support