

NORTH WEST TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

May 11, 2011

PRESENT: Mr. John Merrick, Chair
 Mr. Phil Cox
 Mr. Alan Barnhill

REGRETS: Mr. Michael Cormier
 Mr. Ian MacLaine
 Mr. Stephen Scott
 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 7:11PM in the Acadia Room 1, Sackville Planning Office, 636 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 13, 2011 – NONE

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

Additions:

- 8.1 Draft Report to the North West Community Council – Request for Bus Route in the Greater Hammonds Plains Area

The agenda, as amended, was approved.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS - NONE

7. REPORTS

7.1 Committee Members

MOVED by Mr. Alan Barnhill, seconded by Mr. Phil Cox that, due to the majority of members being absent, all items listed under Item 7 Reports be deferred to the June 8, 2011 meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

7.1.1 Go Time Update

Deferred to June 8, 2011.

7.1.2 Cobequid Metro Transit Terminal Ownership

Deferred to June 8, 2011.

7.1.3 AVL On Time Performance

Deferred to June 8, 2011.

7.1.4 Route 87 Service Update

Deferred to June 8, 2011.

7.1.5 Route 33 Update

Deferred to June 8, 2011.

7.1.6 Transit Service Along Highway 103 to Hammonds Plains/Bedford

Deferred to June 8, 2011.

7.1.7 Park 'n Rides along Highway 103/Hammonds Plains Road

Deferred to June 8, 2011.

7.1.8 Transit Service for Lucasville Road and Area

Deferred to June 8, 2011.

7.1.9 Dartmouth Transit Terminal

Deferred to June 8, 2011.

7.1.10 Request for Overhead Pedestrian Lights (RA-5) Old Sackville Road/Walker Connector Road

Deferred to June 8, 2011.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Draft Report to the North West Community Council – Request for Bus Route in the Greater Hammonds Plains Area

The Committee reviewed the proposed draft report to the North West Community Council and suggested the following revisions:

- The recommendations to read as follows:
 1. That the North West Community Council request a staff report on the feasibility of improving the bus service along the Hammonds Plains Road corridor from the Tantallon Park n' Ride to Mill Cove in Bedford, including Lucasville Road; and
 2. That the North West Community Council request a staff report on the feasibility of implementing Park n' Rides at the subdivision access points along the Hammonds Plains Road, and; a clause be implemented in new

development agreements that Park 'n Rides must be built in all new subdivisions in the Greater Hammonds Plains area.

- The Discussion section to be revised to read as follows:

The North West Transit Advisory Committee would like the North West Community Council to request that Metro Transit consider implementing a bus route from the Park n' Rides in Tantallon that would then travel along the Hammonds Plains Road corridor to Mill Cove in Bedford.

The Committee discussed the subject of possible mini Park n' Rides, with bus lockers, at the subdivision access point within the Greater Hammonds Plains area, including Tantallon. This is to facilitate transit users, giving them a safe place to be dropped off at and picked up from, due to lack of sidewalks and poor lighting in the area as well as the distance from the core of each subdivision to the access point along the Hammonds Plains Road. It is suggested that a Metro Transit bus route be implemented to pick up passengers at those mini Park n' Rides and continue to the Mill Cove area of Bedford.

MOVED by Mr. Phil Cox, seconded by Mr. Alan Barnhill that the amended draft report be submitted to the North West Community Council. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – June 8, 2011

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Sarah Pellerine
Legislative Support