

NORTH WEST TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

NOVEMBER 14, 2012

PRESENT: Mr. Michael Cormier, Chair
Mr. John Merrick, Vice-Chair
Mr. Phillip Cox
Mr. Ian MacLaine

REGRETS: Mr. Stephen J. Scott
Mr. Allan Barnhill
Councillor Brad Johns

STAFF: Mr. Darcy Warren, Legislative Support

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. in the Fenerty Room, Sackville Public Library, 636 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 10, 2012

MOVED by Mr. MacLaine, seconded by Mr. Cox that the minutes of October 10, 2012, be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Added Items:

8.1 Route and Schedule Adjustments

8.2 North West Transit Advisory Committee Membership

8.3 Transportation Standing Committee

The agenda was agreed upon as amended.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES - None

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

5.1 Go Time Update

The GO Time system was reverted to report scheduled time in September due to the delay in opening the Bridge Terminal. It is now back to reporting live time on the majority of routes/trips. The Committee felt that the reply was vague and it didn't show which routes are reporting and which routes are not.

MOVED by Mr. Merrick and seconded by Mr. Cox that the North West Transit Advisory Committee request Metro Transit chart a report of routes which are reporting live and those that are not. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5.2 AVL On-Time Performance Study

Copies of the KPI Update for September and October 2012 were distributed to the Committee members. After review of the report the report, the Committee felt there are concerns regarding the lateness of arrival times.

5.3 Route 87 Service Update

Matter deferred until next scheduled meeting. Committee members would like more time to review Five-Year Strategic Operations Plan – Taking Transit to the Next Level. Copies were distributed to the Committee and a copy is on file.

5.4 Route 33 Service Update

MOVED by Mr. Cormier, and seconded by Mr. Merrick that Route 33 service update be tabled until the next scheduled meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5.5 Transit Service for Lucasville Road and Area

The Committee entered into discussion on transit service for Lucasville Road and area. The Committee feel this is still a work in progress.

MOVED by Mr. MacLaine, seconded by Mr. Merrick, that the North West Transit Advisory Committee request an update on transit service for Lucasville Road and Area. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5.6 Park ‘n’ Ride Facilities in Existing Subdivisions

That Committee was satisfied with the update.

5.7 Burnside Drive Extension Update

The Committee discussed the Burnside extension and the response from Metro Transit. This matter is now complete.

5.8 Meeting at Metro Transit

The Chair reported to the Committee that he had met with Councillor Johns regarding the meeting at Metro Transit. He stated the Councillor Johns suggested the Committee wait until appointments are complete to Regional Council Boards and Committees. All members agreed.

5.9 Metro X Airport/Fall River Route 320

The Committee agreed to wait until a detailed ridership count report is completed by Metro Transit. The count will be completed at the end of November 2012.

5.10 Cobequid Terminal Parking Lot Maintenance

The Chair reported this item is now complete.

5.11 Walker Connector Road and Old Sackville Road

The Committee entered into discussion regarding issues with Walker Connector Road and Old Sackville Road. The Committee felt the response from TIR dated January 20, 2011 did not address their concerns and issues.

MOVED by Mr. Merrick, and seconded by Mr. MacLaine that the NWTAC request Central Community Council to follow up with TIR regarding issues and response dated January 20, 2012. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS - None

7. REPORTS - None

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 ROUTE AND SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS

The Committee requested Service Standards for Rural Routes. The Committee also requested that they have a discussion with Staff to answer questions regarding Service Standards.

MOVED by Mr. Merrick, seconded by Mr. MacLaine that the Committee request Central Community Council to ask Metro Transit to re-instate all late night routes to promote usage and alternative Service Standards for rural areas be established. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8.2 NORTH WEST TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Committee was informed by the Clerk's Office that appointments are extended pending a staff report to Regional Council with regard to NWTAC, and other Committees. A link will be sent to Committee members when the report becomes available.

8.3 TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Deferred to next meeting.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – January 9, 2013

A copy of the 2013 proposed meeting schedule was before the Committee.

MOVED by Mr. Merrick, seconded by Mr. MacLaine, that the 2013 meeting schedule be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The next meeting of the North West Transit Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at 7:00p.m. in the Fenerty Room, Sackville Public Library, 636 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Darcy Warren
Legislative Support