

NORTH WEST TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

January 11, 2012

PRESENT: Mr. John Merrick, Chair
 Mr. Phil Cox
 Mr. Stephen J. Scott

REGRETS: Mr. Michael Cormier
 Mr. Ian MacLaine
 Mr. Alan Barnhill
 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 7:01 p.m. in Acadia Room 1, HRM Planning Services – Eastern Region, 636 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 12, 2011

MOVED by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Cox, that the minutes of October 12, 2011, be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 9, 2011

MOVED by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Scott, that the minutes of November 9, 2011, be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Addition:

- 8.1 Commuter Rail

The agenda was agreed upon, as amended.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - None

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

5.1 Go Time Update

The Committee agreed to defer the item to the next meeting.

5.2 Cobequid Metro Transit Terminal Ownership

The Committee said there was work being done on the lot within the last week, but it is hard to tell when the lot is full. Mr. Cox will check on the lot over the weekend and report back to the Committee at the next meeting.

5.3 AVL On Time Performance

The Committee would like to be able to see the monthly reports and would like to know if they are available on line.

MOVED by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Cox that AVL reports be submitted monthly to the Committee either manually or electronic provided by URL. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5.4 Route 87 Service Update

The Committee would like to know if Councilor Outhit is aware of this, and would like to defer to the next meeting until further information can be gathered regarding this.

5.5 Route 33 Update

The Chair reviewed with the Committee the report that was presented to North West Community Council.

The Committee would like to have this report distributed with the next meeting agenda and deferred further discussion until then.

5.6 Transit Service for Lucasville Road and Area

The Committee would like to defer the item to the next meeting in hopes of having a Metro Transit official attend the meeting.

5.7 Burnside Extension

The Committee discussed the Burnside Extension and wondered if there will be a long term plan for the increase in traffic on Glendale from Cobequid Rd to the end of Glendale. It is felt this could cause issues with the transit system and the buses returning into the flow of traffic due to increased volume.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS – NONE

7. REPORTS - None

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Commuter Rail

The Committee discussed the topic of potential commuter rail.

The North West Transit Advisory Committee recommends, to North West Community Council that prior to funds being spent on a feasibility study for the commuter rail, determine what CN Rail will charge the end service provider for use of the rails, as this is one of the more significant costs they will encounter.

MOVED by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Scott that end service provider costs from CN Rail be determined prior to conducting a feasibility study. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – February 15, 2012

The next meeting will be held on February 15, 2012 in the Acadia Room 1, 1st Floor Sackville Library 363 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville.

10. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Legislative Support person called for nominations for the position of Chair of the North West Transit Advisory Committee for the 2012 term. Hearing NONE, it was **MOVED by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Scott that nominations for Chair cease and that this matter be deferred. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

The Committee would like to send a message to the North West Community Council to help increase membership numbers as per the terms of reference so that a proper election could take place. As well the Committee would like to have an update on the Regional Transportation Committee and the realignments of the districts borders to see if there is the option for new Committee members.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Sarah Pellerine
Legislative Support