

NORTH WEST TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

June 8, 2011

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

REGRETS: Mr. Michael Cormier
 Mr. Ian MacLaine
 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 7:05 p.m. in Acadia Room 1, Sackville Planning Office, 636 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 13, 2011 and May 11, 2011

Correction: In the April 13, 2011 minutes, 8.2.1, last sentence should read ...bus service along the Hammonds Plains Road. As well attach the Letter from Minister Estabrooks to the minutes.

MOVED by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Barnhill that the minutes of April 13, 2011, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Correction: Mr. Scott was listed as neither present or absent on May 11th, he was absent at the meeting. As well on page 5, second paragraph, last word should be changed from “bus” to “bike”.

MOVED by Mr. Barnhill, seconded by Mr. Scott that the minutes of May 11, 2011, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- 8.1 New Membership
- 8.2 Bedford West

The agenda was agreed upon, as amended.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

The North West Transit Advisory Committee requests from North West Community Council follow up report on item number 3 in the report from Minister Estabrooks regarding improvements on Walker Connector Road.

MOVED by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Barnhill that a request for a follow up report be submitted for North West Community Council and brought to the September meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

An email dated April 13, 2011, Metro Transit staff provided an update on items 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9 and 5.10 listed below.

5.1 Go Time Update

Metro Transit staff advised the Committee that testing is still underway and cannot provide an update.

The Committee would like to have another update provided at the October meeting.

MOVED by Mr. Barnhill, seconded by Mr. Cox that an update be provided at the October meeting regarding Go Time. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5.2 Cobequid Metro Transit Terminal Ownership

Metro Transit staff advised the Committee that HRM owns the lot.

North West Transit Advisory Committee requests North West Community Council to determine when the maintenance will be completed at the Cobequid Terminal parking lot.

MOVED by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Barnhill that a request be sent to North West Community Council regarding the Cobequid Terminal parking lot maintenance. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5.3 AVL On Time Performance

Metro Transit staff advised the Committee that there is not a current way to measure the performance.

North West Transit Advisory Committee requests from Metro Transit if a study has ever been conducted, how they performed the study and what the results were and be updated at the October meeting.

MOVED by Mr. Barnhill, seconded by Mr. Scott that the update to AVL On Time performance be provided at the October meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5.4 Route 87 Service Update

Metro Transit staff advised that Committee that there is a five-year plan for the rerouting of bus 87, but this will be prioritized along with the other requests.

The Committee requests from staff to find out the process leading up to the Metro Transit budget, how they prioritize their requests and make the final budget. They would like to discuss this at the September meeting to see what the best way to have the rerouting of bus 87 put on the budget would be.

MOVED by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Barnhill that the rerouting plan for bus 87 be put on the September agenda. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

5.5 Route 33 Update

The Committee would like to have an update on the status of the report, as well as a response from North West Community Council regarding this report for the September meeting.

MOVED by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Cox that a status update on this report be brought to the September meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

5.6 Transit Service Along Highway 103 to Hammonds Plains/Bedford

The Chair signed off on the request, which will now to forward to North West Community Council.

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

This was included in item 5.6

5.8 Transit Service for Lucasville Road and Area

North West Transit Advisory Community requests from North West Community Council the status of the report conducted regarding the transit service for Lucasville Road and Area.

MOVED by Mr. Cox, seconded Mr. Barnhill that a request for an update on the Lucasville Road transit service be given at the September meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5.9 Dartmouth Transit Terminal

There was no discussion on this.

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

This was included in item 5.4

- 6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS - NONE**
- 7. REPORTS - NONE**
- 8. ADDED ITEMS**

8.1 New Membership

The NWTAC would like for NWCC to look for new memberships in district 2 and 23 for the Committee during the summer break.

MOVED by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Alan Barnhill North West Community Council to look for new membership in district 2 and 23 for North West Transit Advisory Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

8.2 Bedford West

The Committee would like to have what the 5-year plan is going to be for Bedford West added to the agenda for the September meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – September 14, 2011

The next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2011 in Acadia Room 1, 1st Floor, Sackville Public Library, 636 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Sarah Pellerine
Legislative Support