

NORTH WEST TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

November 14, 2007

PRESENT: Mr. Philip Cox, Chair
 Mr. John Merrick
 Mr. William Chaffey
 Mr. Gunther Seyffarth

REGRETS: Mr. Terry Churney
 Mr. Steve Scott
 Councillor Brad Johns

STAFF: Ms. Melody Campbell, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER/ INTRODUCTION

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm in Boardroom #1, Sackville Planning Office, 1st Floor, 636 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville.

2. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS AND ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Added Item

8.1 Future consideration issues - Mr. Cox

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 10, 2007

MOVED BY Mr. Chaffey seconded by Mr. Seyffarth that the minutes of October 10, 2007 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Cox has copies of the Bedford West and Bedford South maps. He will take these in to a future meeting for the members to look at the plans.

4.1 STATUS SHEET

4.1.1 Route 88 RIM Development

The Committee will continue to ask for updates in regard to the RIM development. This has a large impact on transportation in the area. There is an ongoing, long standing issue with regard to transportation to Bayers Lake. Staff will provide an update at the January meeting.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Autumn Load Count

There was discussion on load counts, these counts were being done on Friday on a low traffic day. Mr. Cox suggested that Friday may not be the best day to count as it usually is a lower ridership day due to flexible work weeks and individuals taking an extra day off.

The Committee requested that staff provide information on load counts for the 80 Series buses as well as the 185 and 66 Routes for the January meeting.

6.2 Angela Miller's Resignation

Angela Miller resigned from the Committee. Her resignation letter was accepted with regret. Mr. Cox will prepare a letter to extend appreciation for her service to the Committee.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Copy of Correspondence to Mr. Robert Wilde

The noted correspondence was distributed in the agenda package.

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Future Considerations to be Addressed

Mr. Cox requested that Committee members think about issues to bring forward to the Committee. These issues can be brought forward in the January meeting.

Some issues for the future are noted below:

- The realignment of Routes due to increased traffic in Dartmouth Crossing in Bedford and Sackville and how Sackville/Bedford residents can travel to Dartmouth Crossing.
- The issue of buses paying for bridge. The costs spent on the bridge could actually buy another bus each year.
- Is Enfield part of transportation plan, how is that being addressed? If this were to happen, it would make sense to have bus garage in Sackville
- Comprehensive plan on the Regional Plan and how bus service will be affected. Transportation plan, and how it bikes and pedestrian traffic is being addressed. Motion put forward earlier, September 2006 - traffic impact studies for new developments have active transportation plan.
- Another issue is travel from Bedford/Sackville to Bayers Lake.
- Will there be more articulated buses added to routes.

- Active transportation
- Update on the transportation plan in 2008.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on January 9, 2008 at 7:00 pm. Sackville Office, 636 Sackville Drive, Boardroom #1.

All committee members are required to have their names, mailing addresses and milage to the Legislative Assistant at the January meeting, so your mileage claim can be processed for 2007.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned a 8:58 pm.

Melody Campbell
Legislative Assistant