

NORTH WEST TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

October 12, 2011

PRESENT: Mr. Stephen J. Scott
 Mr. Michael Cormier
 Mr. Ian MacLaine
 Mr. Alan Barnhill
 Councillor Brad Johns

REGRETS: Mr. John Merrick, Chair
 Mr. Phil Cox

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, Sackville Planning Office, 636 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 8, 2011

MOVED by Mr. MacLaine, seconded by Mr. Barnhill, that the minutes of June 8, 2011, be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- 8.1 Letter to Metro Transit
- 8.2 Newfoundland Transit information
- 8.3 Crosswalk at the Walker Road Connector
- 8.4 Bus schedule improvement

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - NONE

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

5.1 Go Time Update

Metro Transit staff provided an update to the Committee that testing is still underway.

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

5.2 Cobequid Metro Transit Terminal Ownership

Metro Transit staff provided an update on the status of the terminal. The Committee would like to know if the grading has been completed.

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

5.3 AVL On Time Performance

Metro Transit staff provided data pulled from the AVL system for the month of August. The Committee discussed the data provided and had some questions surrounding reading the data.

The Committee requests from Metro Transit the number of runs each route makes per day as well as an explanation of the total number of hours in the month of August, to better understand the data provided.

5.4 Route 87 Service Update

Metro Transit staff advised the 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 clarification and an update with regard to the new bus route 90. Once the Committee has the information, they would like to put forward a recommendation to staff with a change to the proposed route 90.

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

5.5 Route 33 Update

A staff report will be submitted to the North West Community Council during their October meeting.

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

5.6 Transit Service for Lucasville Road and Area

Metro Transit provided an update, stating that work is proceeding on the Lucasville Community Transit Service. Councillor Johns gave a brief update to the Committee on the status of transit service and its route. He noted there are two proposed routes, one that will turn around at the Atlantic Playland along Lucasville. The other will go past the Atlantic Playland, go along the Hammonds Plains road, to the Sobeys in Bedford then come back to the Sackville Transit Terminal.

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

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS - NONE

7. REPORTS - NONE

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Letter to Metro Transit

The Committee would like to draft a congratulatory to Mr. Eddie Robar on his new position of Director of Metro Transit, as well as thanking him for his help in the past.

MOVED by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Mr. Barnhill that staff draft a congratulatory letter from the Committee to Mr. Eddie Robar on his new position. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8.2 Newfoundland Transit Information

Mr. Barnhill noted some tools the St. John's, Newfoundland transit system uses and feel these could improve on the Metro Transit system.

The Committee would like to ask Metro Transit how long until GPS locators and more real time Go Time will be on Metro Transit buses, as well as swipe cards as a payment option.

**MOVED by Mr. Barnhill, seconded by Mr. Johns that an update on GPS locators and swipe card technology be given to the Committee from Metro Transit.
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

8.3 Crosswalk on Walker Road Connector

The Committee had a brief discussion on this topic.

8.4 Bus Schedule Improvement

Mr. Barnhill is wondering if there has been any improvement in the on time bus schedule since the new law was put in place in the spring, giving buses the right of way in traffic.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – November 9, 2011

The next meeting will be held on November 9, 2011 in Acadia Room 1, 1st Floor Sackville Library, 636 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Sarah Pellerine
Legislative Support