

NORTH WEST TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

November 9, 2011

PRESENT: Mr. John Merrick, Chair
 Mr. Phil Cox
 Mr. Michael Cormier

REGRETS: Mr. Stephen J. Scott
 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 7:09PM in the Acadia Room 1, Sackville Planning Office, 636 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 12, 2011

MOVED by Mr. Merrick, seconded by Mr. Cormier that the minutes of October 12, 2011, be deferred to the next meeting . MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

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

Additions:

- 8.1 Burnside Extension
- 8.2 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

4.1 Letter to Director of Metro Transit

The Committee would like the letter to Mr. Robar to read:

“On behalf of the North West Transit Advisory Committee, please accept our congratulations on your appointment as Director of Metro Transit. The Committee through the North West Community Council hopes that its active role in providing feed back to Metro Transit continues to be of use.”

MOVED by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Cormier that the letter to Mr. Robar be sent, as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4.2 Newfoundland Transit Information

A status update sheet from Metro Transit staff, dated November 3, 2011, was before the Committee.

The staff update indicated that GPS is currently used on board buses for internal tracking purposes and to generate data for the GoTime system. There is no budget allocated in the current Five-Year Budget plan for farebox technology (i.e. swipe-cards).

4.3 Bus Schedule Improvement

A status update sheet from Metro Transit staff, dated November 3, 2011, was before the Committee.

The staff update indicated that Metro Transit is not tracking bus schedule improvement. It would be very difficult to determine what portion of schedule adherence issues (or improvements in schedule adherence) could be attributed to Yield to Bus legislation.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

5.1 Go Time Update

A status update sheet from Metro Transit staff, dated November 3, 2011, was before the Committee.

The staff update indicated that subject to any equipment issues, almost all service is now reporting real-time information through the GOTime system. If someone calls a GOTime number and the recorded message states “the next bus on route XX *will depart in...*” rather than “the next bus on route XX is *scheduled to depart in...*”, the system is reporting real-time rather than scheduled time.

The Committee is wondering if a public announcement will be made regarding the improvements to the GoTime system, because the Committee was unaware of the improvements.

5.2 Cobequid Metro Transit Terminal Ownership

The Committee would like to know if the grading has been completed. No update has been provided.

The Committee agreed to defer the item to the next meeting pending an update from staff.

5.3 AVL On Time Performance

A status update sheet from Metro Transit staff, dated November 3, 2011, was before the Committee. Included in the staff update was an analysis of AVL On Time performance.

The Committee requests clarification from Metro Transit on the following questions:

- What is the frequency that Metro Transit collects the information, monthly, quarterly or annually?
- What is the bench mark for when action along a route is needed to be taken?
- What, if any, are the correlations between route lateness and complaints stating the route is running late?
- What is any are the correlation between the frequency of the route and the route running late?

- How is the data collected, is it based on GPS or from complaints stating the route is running late?

5.4 Route 87 Service Update

A status update sheet from Metro Transit staff, dated November 3, 2011, was before the Committee. A copy of the Route 90 map, schedule, and November GOTime newsletter were included with the staff update.

The Committee requests a clarification with regards to the rerouting of Route 87.

5.5 Route 33 Update

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

5.6 Transit Service for Lucasville Road and Area

The Committee would like to request a staff report on the new proposed Lucasville/ Hammonds Plains/ Bedford route.

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

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS - NONE

7. REPORTS - NONE

8. ADDED ITEMS

8.1 Burnside Extension

The Committee would like to know if the Burnside Extension is on the Metro Transit 5 year plan and if any modifications are proposed to plan a route originating in Sackville/Bedford once the extension is open.

MOVED by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Cormier that a request for information on the 5 year plan from Metro Transit be brought to the next meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

8.2 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The Committee would like to have the election deferred to the next meeting.

MOVED by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Mr. Cox that the election be deferred to the next meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – January 11, 2012

The next meeting will be held on January 11, 2012 in the Acadia Room 1, 1st Floor Sackville Library 363 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville.

9.1 2012 Meeting Schedule

MOVED by Mr. Cormier, seconded by Mr. Cox that the 2012 meeting schedule be accepted as presented with the following amendment: the removal of the July and August 2012 meetings. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Sarah Pellerine
Legislative Support