

NORTH WEST TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES

January 9, 2013

PRESENT:           Mr. Michael Cormier, Chair  
                      Mr. Stephen J. Scott  
                      Mr. Alan Barnhill  
                      Mr. Phillip Cox  
                      Mr. Ian MacLaine

REGRETS:           Mr. John Merrick, Vice-Chair  
                      Councillor Brad Johns

STAFF:             Jane Crosby, Legislative Support

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Fenerty Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Sackville Public Library, 636 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 14, 2012**

**MOVED by Mr. MacLaine, seconded by Mr. Cox that the minutes of November 14, 2012 be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**3. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS AND ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

The agenda, as presented, was agreed upon.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE**

**5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS (Status Updates)**

**5.1 Go Time Update**

The Chair read the response provided by staff to the Committee. The Committee was satisfied with the response. This item is now complete.

**5.2 AVL On-Time Performance Study**

A discussion was held on the numbers provided in the AVL On-Time Performance Study. It was noted that it would be beneficial to be able to compare the data provided, with the length in time and frequency of the runs.

**MOVED by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Barnhill that NWTAC requests Central Community Council have Metro Transit provide length in time of each route and frequency of routes for North West area runs; 66, 80, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 185. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**5.3 Route 87 Service Update**

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

**5.4 Route 33 Service Update**

The Committee requests the extract of minutes that originally presented this item be provided for the February 13, 2013 meeting.

**5.5 Transit Service for Lucasville Road and Area**

The Committee held a discussion on the reply provided by Metro Transit.

Whereas Metro Transit's response to the request for an update on transit service for the Lucasville Road and area states that:

"As part of the 2011-12 Annual Budget process, Halifax Regional Council approved the cancellation of funding for the Rural Community Transit project, which was the project that Lucasville service was to fall under. As such, there is currently no approved plan or budget for Transit service on Lucasville Road and the surrounding area and Metro Transit is not actively pursuing this further."

**MOVED by Mr. MacLaine, seconded by Mr. Scott that NWATC recommends to Central Community Council to support funding for the Lucasville Road and area transit service. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

#### **5.6 Meeting at Metro Transit**

The Committee briefly discussed this item and agreed that this item is now complete.

#### **5.7 Metro X Airport/Fall River Route #320**

The Committee held a discussion on the route and it was noted that the ridership count would have been completed in November of 2012 by Metro Transit. Those numbers would be required to continue the discussion of this item.

**Moved Mr. Barnhill, second by Mr. Scott that the detailed ridership count report completed in November 2012 be provided to the Committee. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

#### **5.8 Walker Connector Road and Old Sackville Road**

The Chair noted that this item was labeled as item 5.11 on the staff update. A brief discussion was held regarding the letter that was sent to Central Community Council (formerly North West Community Council). The Committee agreed to defer the item until they heard a response back from Central Community Council on this issue.

#### **5.9 Route and Schedule Adjustments**

The Committee held a discussion on the route and schedule adjustments and it was noted that it would be of benefit to have these changes provided to the NWTAC prior to their taking effect.

**MOVED by Mr. Barnhill, seconded by Mr. MacLaine that NWTAC be provided with Metro Transit's upcoming route and schedule adjustments in advance of the February 13, 2012 NWTAC Meeting. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**5.10 Transportation Standing Committee**

The Committee requested an update on this matter from Central Community Council.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS - NONE**

**7. REPORTS - NONE**

**8. ADDED ITEMS - NONE**

**9. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., Fenerty Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Sackville Public Library, 636 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Jane Crosby  
Legislative Support