

**NORTH WEST TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 19, 2003**

THOSE PRESENT: Phillip Cox, Chair  
Gunther Seyffarth  
Troy Mitchell  
Alastair Lawrie  
Ron McKinnon  
Bill Chaffey

ALSO PRESENT: Eddie Robar, Schedule Planner, Transit Services  
Sandra Shute, Legislative Assistant

Regrets: Councillor Johns

**TABLE OF CONTENTS**

1.	Call to Order .....	3
2.	Approval of Minutes - January 15, 2003 .....	3
3.	Approval of the Order of Business and Approval of Additions and Deletions ....	3
4.	Business Arising Out of the Minutes	
4.1	Commuter Rail Committee Update .....	3
4.2	Proposed Park and Ride in Upper Sackville Area .....	3
4.3	Transit Service to Halifax International Airport .....	4
4.4	Transit Service to Bayers Lake Business Park .....	4
4.5	Cobequid Park and Ride Congestion .....	4
4.6	Status of Beaver Bank Bypass .....	4
4.7	Traffic Problems - Intersection of Spring Garden Road and Barrington Street and Spring Garden Road and Summer Street .....	5
4.8	Overcrowding on Route 84 a.m. Peak .....	5
4.9	Route 87 and Highfield Park .....	5
4.10	Proposed Bus Shelter - Fenerty Road .....	5
5.	New Business	
5.1	Park and Ride at Beaver Bank .....	5
5.2	Route 82 Connections .....	5
5.3	Route 80 on Sundays .....	5
5.4	Crosswalk Buttons - Sunnyside .....	6
5.5	U Passes .....	6
6.	Next Meeting Date .....	6
7.	Adjournment .....	6

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Program Room at the Bedford Library, 15 Dartmouth Road, Bedford.

The Chair welcomed two new members: Troy Mitchell representing District 19 Upper Sackville/Beaver Bank and Alastair Lawrie representing District 21 Bedford. All Committee members and staff introduced themselves and provided their background and interests.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JANUARY 15, 2003**

**MOVED by Gunther Seyffarth, seconded by Ron McKinnon to approve the Minutes of meeting held on January 15, 2003 as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

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

The Order of Business was approved with the addition of items starting with Item 5.3.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

For each item under Business Arising, the Chair provided an overview of the item for the new members and a general discussion ensued.

4.1 **Commuter Rail Committee Update**

The Clerk advised she had contacted Mayor Kelly for an update but no information has been forthcoming.

Gunther Seyffarth then provided an interesting video tape presentation of the two rail systems running from the Main Station in Hamburg, Germany. There is a subway system and a train system. He provided information on the area and progress in service provided over the last 40 years. He impressed on the Committee how well the system is designed.

Following comments and questions, the Chair thanked Gunther Seyffarth for providing the information.

4.2 **Proposed Park and Ride in Upper Sackville**

Eddie Robar advised that Kenny Silver met with Real Estate regarding the Beacon House/50+ Club site. Kenny Silver intends to set up a meeting with Councillor Johns in order to go on a site visit.

#### **4.3 Transit Service to Halifax International Airport**

Councillor Johns took this item to Regional Council and Regional Council requested that staff provide a report. As a result, Kenny Silver wrote letters to the Halifax International Airport Authority and the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board. A copy of each of these letters was provided to Committee members.

The Clerk will provide a copy of the report after it has been sent to Regional Council.

#### **4.4 Transit Service to Bayers Lake Business Park**

Eddie Robar explained that as a result of the new Crosstown 52 (Bayers Lake Business Park to Burnside and return) beginning in May, there will be changes to Routes 17, 18, 35, 12 and 26. The new 52 will go into every major terminal in between. There are more changes due in August.

The Planner has not yet provided the information regarding daily travel activity between Sackville and/or Bedford to Bayers Lake Business Park.

#### **4.5 Cobequid Park and Ride Congestion**

There was no information available on the possibility of a land swap in this area. Question also arose as to the possible use of the Cobequid Multi Service Centre land as a Park and Ride once the new facility is built.

Concern was again expressed regarding the increased congestion that will occur once the apartment buildings behind the Park and Ride are built. It was noted that Transit Supervisors have the authority to ticket.

Eddie Robar indicated that with improvements, Transit Services would try to thin out the Park and Ride use at Cobequid so that more use is made of Downsview and the possibility of a Park and Ride in Upper Sackville and Beaver Bank.

#### **4.6 Status of Beaver Bank Bypass**

This item to remain on the Agenda. It was noted that the corridor for the Beaver Bank Bypass is preserved but there is a need to preserve land around that area for a Park and Ride.

4.7 **Traffic Problems - Intersection of Spring Garden Road and Barrington Street and Spring Garden Road and Summer Street**

Eddie Robar advised that Transit Services was currently putting together information on all transit buses that go through those intersections and will be giving the information to Traffic Services. Traffic Services will do a delay study. He hoped a report would be available for the next meeting.

4.8 **Overcrowding on Route 84 a.m. Peak**

Eddie Robar advised that the only way to overcome this problem at this time is to increase the frequency by using extra buses; however, there are no extra buses available. He advised that there are 147 buses available. The rule for standing on a bus is half a seated load. Some of the problems might be overcome with U Passes (see Section 5.5 below).

4.9 **Route 87 and Highfield Park**

Eddie Robar advised that Doug Mosher, Operations, Transit Services would be monitoring the buses going into Highfield Park. He pointed out that there are only three trips that do not go into Highfield Park, one in the morning and two in the afternoon.

4.10 **Proposed Bus Shelter - Fenerty Road**

No new information.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

5.1 **Park and Ride at Beaver Bank**

Deferred to next meeting due to lack of time.

5.2 **Route 82 Connections**

Eddie Robar advised he was continuing to work on Route 80 and 82 connections for the May schedule.

5.3 **Route 80 on Sunday**

Bill Chaffey stated he understood that there were going to be articulated runs on Sunday due to overcrowding and questioned the status. He indicated the bus he saw in the late morning



Legislative Assistant