

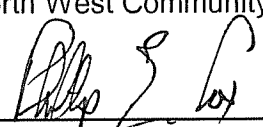
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NORTH WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL
January 25, 2007

TO: North West Community Council

FROM: 
Phillip Cox, Chair
North West Transit Advisory Committee

DATE: November 10, 2006

SUBJECT: **Direct Transit Service to the Cobequid Community Health Centre via
Route 88 (Northgate)**

ORIGIN

The October 18, 2006 and November 15, 2006 discussions by the North West Transit Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

The North West Transit Advisory Committee recommends that the North West Community Council:

Request that Metro Transit incorporate direct, to the door, inbound/outbound transit service, to the Cobequid Community Health Centre located at 5 Glendale Avenue, Lower Sackville as part of the new transit Route 88 (Northgate) service scheduled to commence in January 2007.

DISCUSSION:

The Northwest Transit Advisory Committee would like the Northwest Community Council to recommend that Metro Transit pursue every avenue possible to ensure direct to the door transit service is provided to the Cobequid Community Health Centre. The direct service could be provided by the new Route 88 (Northgate) scheduled to commence service in January 2007 (or as soon as the first business opens in the Northgate Development area).

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Unknown at this time.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The North West Community Council may choose not to request that Metro Transit provide direct to the door transit service to the Cobequid Community Health Centre via the new Route 88 (Northgate).

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210 or fax at 490-4208.

Report prepared by: North West Transit Advisory Committee

EXTRACT

North West Transit Advisory Committee
Minutes

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October 18, 2006

6. REPORTS

6.1 Route 88 Northgate - Direct Transit Service to the Cobequid Medical Health Centre

Mr. Robar advised that Route 88 Northgate will not service the Cobequid Medical Health Centre as buses cannot make a right turn onto Glendale Drive and there is a 90° angle. Metro Transit refrains from entering parking lots. Mr. Robar confirmed that there is not sufficient room for a bus to turn in the turning bulb located at the end of the public street.

MOVED BY Mr. Bill Chaffey, seconded by Mr. Ron McKinnon that the North West Transit Advisory Committee request that the North West Community Council recommend that Metro Transit Route 88 Northgate provide direct transit service to the Cobequid Medical Health Centre. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Merrick suggested consideration be given to a realignment of the 90° angle and inquired who owned the property, the Sackville Industrial Park or the Province. Mr. Cox responded that he will determine ownership of the property.

Mr. Robar commented that the creation of Route 88 Northgate is a direct result of the North West Transit Advisory's Committee input.

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**6.1 Direct Transit Service to the Cobequid Health Centre**

- A draft report to the North West Community Council was before the Committee.

At the October 18, 2006 meeting, a motion was passed that a report be sent to the North West Community Council in regard to the new Route 88 providing direct transit service to the Cobequid Medical Health Centre. It was suggested that a smaller neighbourhood sized bus may be able to service the Health Centre and manoeuvre the turning bulb. The draft report was approved to go forward to the next meeting of the NWCC.

Mr. Scribner advised that Metro Transit does not currently have small buses in its fleet.