

From: Linda Mosher
To: Amy Power; Sheilagh Edmonds
Date: 21/01/2008
Subject: Fwd: Re: Chebucto Community Council Status Sheet Item 4.1.1 - Bus Service
 - Stoneridge
CC: Edward Robar; Shawnee Gregory

Thank you Amy. I wonder exactly where on Quarry Road the bus stop is that has the higher passenger count? Currently there is a Nursing Home next to Quarry called Glades Lodge. The province is closing this facility within the next 2 years and hopefully the building will be torn down. They are slowing phasing the beds out and moving the residents to facilities in Dartmouth and other areas due to the deplorable condition of the building. Would it be possible for someone from Metro Transit to send a survey to the facility so the staff members could indicate who utilizes this bus?

Thanks

Linda

Linda Mosher
 Councillor - District 17

>>> Amy Power 1/21/2008 7:58 AM >>>
 Good morning,

I apologize for the confusion, we had looked at extensions for both the route 14 and route 6 via Kelly Dr. and assumed it was the route 14 we were referring to.

There are two proposed route options for the route 6 that could provide future transit service to Stoneridge.

Option A is a large one way loop that would travel as follows, Stonehaven, Glenmore, Alton, Kelly, Osborne, Walter Hamill, Albert Walker, St. Margaret's Bay Rd. continues to the round about and resumes regular routing. This extension would see the removal of service on Quarry Rd., and the passenger counts indicate 36 passenger boardings and 11 passengers alighting on Quarry Rd. per weekday. As well transit must investigate whether Glenmore or Alton is more suitable for a bus to travel on. If the bus cannot service Glenmore, service to the bus stop on Stonehaven at Glenmore will also be removed. The passenger counts for this bus stop are 37 boardings and 43 passengers alighting. Option A is an additional 2.7 kilometres long and will require an additional 8.5 minutes in running time.

Option B is a similar routing to option A. However, this proposed routing would loop around Walter Havill to Ridgemark Lane and return. The route would travel as follows, Stonehaven, Glenmore, Alton, Kelly, Osborne, Walter Havill, Ridgemark Lane, return via Walter Havill, Osborne, Kelly, Alton, Glenmore, Quarry and resume regular routing. Option B is an additional 3 kilometres long and will require an additional 9 minutes in running time.

Option A and option B will extend the travelling time for those residents on Fenwood, Stonehaven and Quarry, these streets are serviced in one direction only. The passenger counts indicate the current loop has 104 passenger boardings and 103 passengers alighting per weekday.

The current route 6 running time does not allow for any extensions. The route currently has one minute recoup time at Stonehaven and two minutes recoup time at Water St. during off peak only. In order to consider extending the route 6, additional resources are required.

As previously stated all service changes and increases must be prioritized based on ridership demands and service standards. Metro Transit's priority is to address passenger overloads, frequency issues and service standards. Unfortunately with demands on the current system and competing priorities it will be some time before Metro Transit will have the available resources to service the Stoneridge area directly.

The Stoneridge subdivision and surrounding development fall within the service standard which states ninety percent of residential development in the area served by public transit should be within 500 metres of a local bus route.

Thank you
 Regards,
 Amy
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