

NORTH WEST TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

June 16, 2004

PRESENT: Phillip Cox, Chair
Ron McKinnon
Bill Chaffey
Troy Mitchell
Councillor Brad Johns

ABSENT: Gunther Seyffarth (Regrets)
Alastair Lawrie

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Ken Silver, Manager, Transit Planning & Development
Millie Hull, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Fenerty Room, Sackville Library, Sackville.

2. PRESENTATION - NONE

3. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS AND ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Additions: 6.2.2 Residents of Areas Outside Mandate of North West Transit Advisory Committee - Fall River - Mr. Ron MacKinnon

6.2.3 Route 82 - Saturdays - Mr. Phil Cox

6.2.4 Bus Stop Before Bridge - Out of Service - Mr. Phil Cox

Mr. Cox raised the issue of the bus stop just before the bridge being removed from service. He suggested a temporary route change for Routes 30, 84, 85 and 87 to take the Route 9 and not use the right turn ramp to allow access to the center lane and by-pass the traffic lined up to access MacDonald Bridge. Mr. Ken Silver will follow up and make the necessary request.

6.2.5 Park & Ride - Cobequid

6.2.6 Lucasville Road - Councillor Johns

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 24, 2004 and May 19, 2004

Councillor Johns arrived at the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Corrections: March 24, 2004: page 7, Item 4.8.7 Transit Service to Bayers Lake Business Park from "*Bedford*" not SACKVILLE and second sentence Bayers Lake from "*Bedford*" not Sackville.

MOVED by Councillor Johns, seconded by Mr. Ron MacKinnon to approve the minutes of meeting held on March 24, 2004 as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

May 19, 2004: page 5, Item 5.2 add: delay of "*inbound*" Route 80 and "*arriving downtown, and outbound Routes 84, 85, 86 and 87.*"

MOVED by Mr. Bill Chaffey, seconded by Councillor Johns to approve the minutes of meeting held on May 19, 2004 as amended. **MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

5.1 Intersection of Spring Garden Road and Barrington Street and Spring Garden Road and Summer Street

Mr. Cox indicated that traffic studies had taken place over a year ago and an analysis of these studies are to take place. Mr. Silver noted that a consultant is now looking at the data and a report should be available at the next meeting. Mr. Chaffey asked if a copy of the report could be available prior to the next meeting. Mr. Silver advised he will make a request to Mr. Dave McCusker, Manager, Transportation, Regional Planning, and Mr. Geoff Wright, Project Manger - Transit Study, Metro Transit, for a copy of the report as soon as it is available.

5.2 Upper Sackville Park and Ride

As there were no updates it was agreed to defer this item to the September meeting.

At this time Councillor Johns informed the Committee that the issue of "Bus Shelter - Fenerty Road" had been dealt with and can be removed from the Status Sheet.

5.3 Promotion of Metro Transit

As Ms. Patterson was unavailable, Mr. Silver provided an update and advised that the challenge is not promoting Metro Transit but providing the service to meet the demand. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Silver indicated he will provide the preliminary CUTA: 2003 UTS Benchmark Report for the next meeting. The Committee agreed to invite Ms. Patterson to the September meeting to discuss this issue further.

6. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

6.1 Deferred Business

6.1.1 Off Peak Service from Bedford to Downtown & Service from Bedford to Bayer's Lake

This matter was dealt with at a later time in the meeting.

As the Chair had another engagement and had to leave at 8:00 pm it was agreed to deal with "Item 6.2.1 Terms of Reference" and "Item 6.2.3 Route 82 - Saturdays" at this time.

6.2.1 Terms of Reference

- A document outlining amendments to the Terms of Reference was before the Committee for consideration.

Noting that most of the amendments to the Terms of Reference were amendments in business unit titles, the Committee briefly discussed the recommendation to change Section 3 MEETINGS to read: "*The Committee shall, except for any summer recess, meet at least once month...*".

MOVED by Mr. Ron MacKinnon, seconded by Mr. Troy Mitchell that the amendments to the Terms of Reference for the North West Transit Advisory Committee be as follows:

1. Subsection 2.1 of Section 2 COMPOSITION, be revised from "*...Regional Operations Department, Transportation Services...*" to:

"*... Public Works & Transportation, Transit Services...*"
2. The first sentence of subsection 2.4 of Section 2 COMPOSITION, be revised from "*The Director of Transportation...*" to:

"*The Director of Public Works & Transportation ...*".
3. The first sentence in subsection 3.1 of Section 3 MEETINGS, be revised from "*The Committee shall, except for any summer recess, meet on the fourth Monday of each month...*" to:

"*The Committee shall, except for any summer recess, meet at least once per month..*".
4. Subsection 3.7 of Section 3 MEETINGS, be revised from "*The Committee may utilize the services of Transportation Services Division, Regional Operations by requesting same through the Commissioner of Regional Operations of Halifax Regional Municipality.*" to:

“The Committee may utilize the services of Transit Services, Public Works & Transportation, by requesting same through the Director of Public Works & Transportation of Halifax Regional Municipality.”

5. Section 8 MINUTES be revised from *“Unapproved Minutes, prepared by the Assistant Municipal Clerk assigned to the Committee, will be circulated to members of Community Council. Once approved, they will be circulated to Transportation Services, Regional Operations.”* to:

“Unapproved minutes, prepared by the Legislative Assistant assigned to the Committee, will be circulated to members of the North West Transit Advisory Committee. Once approved, they will be circulated to Community Council and Transit Services, Public Works & Transportation.”

6.2.3 Route 82 - Saturdays

Mr. Cox raised the concern of taking Route 82 to downtown on Saturdays. He outlined the route connections and times and the fact that connections are missed. He advised that Mr. Robar had indicated he would adjust the transit schedule to have more frequent service on Route 80. Mr. Silver will follow up on this request with Mr. Robar.

At this time Mr. Cox thanked the Committee for their hard work over the year and wished everyone an enjoyable summer.

6.2 New Business

6.2.1 Terms of Reference

This item was dealt with at an earlier time in the meeting.

6.2.2 Residents of Areas Outside Mandate of North West Transit Advisory Committee - Fall River

This matter was discussed at a later time in the meeting.

6.2.3 Route 82 - Saturdays

This item was dealt with at an earlier time in the meeting.

6.2.4 Bus Stop Before Bridge - Out of Service

This item was dealt with during Approval of Order of Business and Additions/Deletions.

6.2.5 Park & Ride - Cobequid

This matter was dealt with at a later time in the meeting.

6.2.6 Lucasville Road

Councillor Johns advised that Mr. Silver and himself had attended a meeting over two weeks ago in Lucasville. He indicated the residents were enquiring about possible transit service from Downsview Mall, up Lucasville Road and down Hammonds Plains Road to Sobeys in Bedford.

Mr. Cox retired from the meeting at 8:07 pm due to a prior engagement. Mr. Bill Chaffey, Vice-Chair, assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Councillor Johns noted he had advised the residents he would bring their concern to the Advisory Committee with a suggestion the Committee review the request. Councillor Johns requested consideration also be given to the ridership base at areas like Woodbine Trailer Park.

Councillor Johns advised that in the next municipal election the boundaries for the districts will change.

Councillor Johns raised a concern on the number of residents in the Woodbine area who require the use of Access-A-Bus but noted that Access-A-Bus does not go in the Woodbine area. Mr. Silver advised that service is based on the level of funding available and noted that the more rural areas serviced the longer the buses are tied up per trip.

After further discussion, Mr. Chaffey requested information, for the next meeting, from Mr. Silver on the cost of providing this additional service prior to hearing from representatives of the Lucasville area. Councillor Johns also requested information on the area rate for community based transit.

6.2.2 Residents of Areas Outside Mandate of North West Transit Advisory Committee - Fall River

Mr. McKinnon noted that, as with Lucasville, Fall River is outside the mandate of the North West Transit Advisory Committee. He advised he will defer this item until the new boundaries have been defined with the October election. In the meantime, Mr. Silver will forward Mr. McKinnon correspondence he had regarding transit service in the Fall River Area.

6.2.5 Park & Ride - Cobeguid

- A copy of an e-mail from Ms. Valerie Corkum dated June 3, 2004 was distributed to the Committee for their information.

A response by Mr. Eddie Robar dated June 11, 2004 to the above noted e-mail was circulated to the Committee for their information.

6.1 Deferred Business

6.1.1 Off Peak Service from Bedford to Downtown & Service from Bedford to Bayer's Lake

It was agreed to defer this item to the September meeting.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE - Wednesday, September 15, 2004

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8.45 p.m.

Millie Hull
Legislative Assistant