



Handi transit advisory committee

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Date <u>February 10, 2010</u>
Time <u>10:30am</u>
Location <u>Civic Works Complex</u>

Meeting Name Handi-Transit Advisory Committee meeting

Objective(s) Ensure affordable, safe and accessible, sustainable transportation that meets the ongoing needs of our community.

Attendees

<u>Don Butler</u>	C	<u>Chris Brandon</u>	P	
<u>Melissa Engebrecht</u>	P	<u>Sharon Moore</u>	X	P=Participant
<u>Dayle Hughson</u>	X	<u>Ken Nairne</u>	C	C=chair
<u>Theresa Machibroda</u>	X	<u>John Sadler</u>	P	X=Absent
<u>Tracy Versteegen</u>	X	<u>Shirley Kauk</u>	X	
<u>Walter Gibbons</u>	P	<u>Judy Nowitski,</u>	P	
<u>Lisa Osadchuk</u>	P	<u>Carla Richardson – 729-2279</u> <u>c.richardson@brandon.ca</u>	P	

Minutes only:

Kim Wallis - _____

To contact ANY of the committee members, please contact the Handi Transit contact – Manager of Transit Services – Carla Richardson (contact information above).

Your call will be directed accordingly.

Today's Agenda

Item Sequence	Agenda Item Description	Presenter	Time Guideline
1	Acceptance of agenda (any errors/omissions/additions)	Ken	3 min
2	Corral Centre accessibility plan update	Don	10 min
3	Advocacy support for committee - progress update	Ken	15 min
4	Potential Funding projects - Discussion on suggestions submitted. User group project?	Ken	15 min
5	2010 Lieutenant Governors Winter Festival update	Walter	5 min
6	Transportation outside of the city - status update from Minister Howard	Walter	5 min
7	Handi Transit System update - GPS issues, Spring newsletter (2009 stats)	Carla	10 min
8	Other ??	All	10 min
9	Adjournment	Ken	5 min





Item (per above)	Decisions/Actions/Notes	Responsible Party
Decisions		
Motions		
1	Meeting called to order, no additions or changes to agenda. Minutes adopted as circulated.	Ken
9	Motion for Adjournment at 11:30am	Ken
Actions		
2	Action items as a result - Committee members and Agency representatives should be partnering up and going to Corral Centre to identify specific areas where curb cuts should be present and parking signage is present/easily visible. SMD (Sharon or Krista) would be the logical agency to assist with this assessment - Theresa to contact them to find out availability to visit Centre.	Don John Theresa SMD rep
2	Ken reviewed a draft letter to be sent to Colleen O'Rourke of Shindico as a result of not returning voice mail of February 3, 2010. Letter approved by committee, to be signed by Ken and mailed today.	Ken
Information		
2	John, Don, Theresa and Ken met with Rick Borotsik on February 1, 2010. - Point of clarification on meeting notes, conventional transit is unable to maintain schedule with current infrastructure that exists on Corral Centre. - Summarized information from meeting - Rick is in favor of support, but dialogue needs to occur with someone from Shindico. Project needs to continue now that we've involved different individuals, cannot delay.	Don Theresa Ken John
3	Canadian Paraplegic Association is planning on sending a representative to join the committee, hopefully will be present for next meeting. Local individual (Helen), may need transportation, Dayle will follow up.	Dayle
3	Kim Popple from Seniors for Seniors was also contacted about representation on the Committee.	Judy
3	Possible groups to contact for advocacy - may include CPA, ILRC. seniors for seniors, Westman Coalition. Committee members are encouraged to give some additional thought to potential groups with a connection.	All members





4	<p>Only one funding project/suggestion was received by Ken - looking at analyzing usage with Handi Transit. Looking at quantifying usage by Handi Committee. The agencies would benefit the most from this information. Concerns that when it is budget time, that we have measurable data to support Handi usage.</p> <p>Suggested that the Westman Coalition for Employment Opportunities would be a good group to approach (Executive Director - Tracy Williams, Provincial Building - 726-6178), perhaps this can be placed on their agenda as a potential project.</p> <p>Unsure how their funding is allocated. Fiscal year is March so would be a good idea to give them a heads up for budgeting purposes.</p> <p>Committee needs to determine what questions that would be asked, develop a comprehensive questionnaire.</p> <p>All agreed that the Corral Centre project must be the main priority for the Committee to focus on for the near future.</p>	<p>Ken</p> <p>All</p>
5	<p>14 one way Handi Transit trips, up from 10 provided last year. Thank you email will be sent to Mo Karrouze for his monetary donation, copy to be sent to Carla to be added to files. Overall impression of Festival 2010 was it was great.</p> <p>Suggestion that more advertising be included that highlight that Pavilions are accessible and free of charge to Handi clients. Will suggest to organizing committee.</p>	<p>Walter</p> <p>Walter</p>
6	<p>John spoke of a meeting that was held at the MS Society. Several suggestions/ options were discussed at the meeting; specifics must be driven by the provincial government. Suggested that all agencies within Brandon be involved, perhaps can be done in conjunction with research project by Coalition.</p> <p>Suggested that the main coordinating agency could be MS Society, follow up with the MS Society and Coalition as a first step.</p>	<p>John</p> <p>John Ken</p>
7	<p>Experiencing software issues with the GPS units on Handi. Will begin working on the spring newsletter so please send your suggestions in as soon as possible! Items included are 2009 Stats and 30 minute booking window.</p>	
7	<p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fare increase - Carla reported that there have been no complaints that she has fielded regarding increase. - New buses - mobility devices on conventional service, policy on strapping has not yet been developed. 	
8	<p>Ken announced he will be out of town for the April meeting. Don has volunteered to chair. Carla makes up the agenda before hand and reviews the agenda with the chair about 30 minutes before the meeting.</p>	<p>Don</p>

Next Meeting Takes Place...		
Date: April 14, 2010	Start Time: 10:30am	Location: Civic Works Complex

