

Handi Transit Advisory Committee

Date	<u>September 15, 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>	P	<u>Chris Brandon</u>	X	
	<u>Melissa Engebrecht</u>	P	<u>Sharon Moore</u>	X	P=Participant
	<u>Dayle Hughson</u>	P	<u>Ken Nairne</u>	C	C=chair
	<u>Theresa Machibroda</u>	P	<u>John Sadler</u>	P	X=Absent
	<u>Tracy Versteegen</u>	P	<u>Shirley Kauk</u>	X	
	<u>Walter Gibbons</u>	P	<u>Judy Nowitski,</u>	P	
	<u>Lisa Osadchuk</u>	X	<u>Lorna Cowan</u>	P	
	<u>Lana Paterson</u>	X	<u>Carla Richardson – 729-2279</u> <u>c.richardson@brandon.ca</u>	P	

Today's Agenda

Item Sequence	Agenda Item Description	Presenter	Time Guideline
1	Acceptance of agenda (any errors/omissions/additions) Welcome to our new committee member & introductions!	Ken	3 min
2	Old Business	Ken	10 min
3	Handi Transit System update October 15 – Unveiling of buses Securement Training for Conventional buses Fall newsletter	Carla	15 min
4	Corral Centre accessibility plan update	Ken/Don	10 min
5	Committee re-focus session (past accomplishments & future direction)	Ken	10 min
6	Lack of cleanliness on Handi Transit buses	Theresa	5 min
7	Winter Festival	Walter	10 min
8	Seat belt securement on Handi Transit buses	Melissa	5 min

Item (per above)	Decisions/Actions/Notes	Responsible Party
Decisions		
4	Walter passed on information related to this project to Barrier Free Manitoba for their advocacy assistance.	Walter
Motions		
1	No errors or omissions from June meeting notes or today's agenda item noted. Agenda approved.	Ken
Actions		
2	Committee is unclear as to whether representation from the Canadian Paraplegic Association (CPA) would be attending the meetings, were under the impression a representative would be there for today's meeting. Dayle to touch base with Darlene Cooper to find out what their commitment level and intentions are.	Dayle
3	<p>Email invitation for Launch to Walter, rest of invitations have went out in the mail this week. Volunteers to ride on Dignitaries bus – Melissa & Theresa as well as Ken as the chair. Ken will represent the Committee at the Dignitary lunch following the launch.</p> <p>Rest of committee is encouraged to attend the launch to be available to public/media if there are any questions. Rides will be organized for anyone who is in need.</p> <p>Policy is being developed to ensure Operators, mobility device users and other passengers are aware of expectations.</p> <p>Concerns related to scooters on conventional service – committee would like to see these restricted from regular service. Carla spoke regarding Human Rights/Discrimination concerns related to exclusions.</p> <p>Submit suggestions for Fall newsletter to Carla by October 15, 2010. Topics already included – launch pictures & details, fully accessible fleet & Operator training, stats. Include beefs & bouquets section. What else does committee want to see??</p>	<p>Carla</p> <p>All members</p> <p>Carla</p> <p>All members</p>
4	Committee felt they needed to contact Rick Borotsik again and revisit this issue with his assistance. Ken suggests a special meeting of the Committee to meet with Rick within the next few weeks. He cautioned that agencies need to ensure this information & committee's intentions be communicated upward as it becomes political – important to ensure everyone is aware. Also important to ensure that this message is coming from the Committee as a whole, and not from Handi Transit as a system. Committee felt that advocacy for Handi Transit in Brandon has a larger focus than the system operated by the City of Brandon.	
5	Suggestion that the committee meet later this year or early next year to look at goal setting. Including the committee's past accomplishments and where does committee want to go. Would like to discuss other challenges for the disabled community at the re-focusing. Past focus for this committee was transportation – Theresa suggested also including home care, affordable housing issues.	Committee
4	Member agencies are requested to ensure their chain of command is advised of request for advocacy in dealing with Rick & the Corral Centre. Committee members are to contact Ken directly regarding their agency's willingness to move forward on advocating for this project. Deadline for responding is Wednesday, September 22, 2010. Ken will then set up a meeting with the committee and Rick Borotsik to discuss approach and strategy moving forward.	<p>All agency representatives</p> <p>Ken</p>

8	Securement for seat belts a concern – Operators not checking to ensure seat belts are tight. Recommended to contact Carla immediately with concerns. Suggestion to add this component to the newsletter as well.	All members
Information		
6	Theresa brought up concern with a tattered box that remained on the same bus – it was reported to Dispatch, nothing was done. Committee was recommended to contact Carla immediately if a concern is not being dealt with.	All members
7	Winter Festival meetings have begun, a sponsor has been secured for this year’s events. Looking at adding secondary sponsorship so service can be increased for the event. Committee is exploring different options and suggestions. Will keep the committee posted as event progresses.	Walter

Next Meeting Takes Place...

Date: November
10, 2010

Start Time: 10:30am

Location: Civic Works Complex