

THE NINTH MEETING OF THE TRANSIT COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY

Committee Room C-10
Tom Davis Square

Thursday, October 15, 2009
Commencement: 9:06 a.m.

COUNCILLOR TED CALLAGHAN PRESIDING

Councillors Councillors Berthiaume, Dupuis

Mayor Rodriguez

Staff B. Lautenbach, Acting General Manager of Growth & Development / Planning Director; R. Sauvé, Director of Transit Services; R. Gauthier, Manager of Transit Operations; D. Martel, Manager of Transit Fleet and Facilities; L. Church, Transit Services Administrator; L. Larose, Senior Budget Analyst; M. Lajeunesse, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; L. Oldridge, Deputy City Clerk; L. Collin, Planning Committee Secretary

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof None Declared

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Item 1 Report dated October 7, 2009 was received from the Acting
Transit Ridership General Manager of Growth & Development / Planning Director
Statistics regarding the current Transit Ridership Statistics for information only.

MANAGER'S REPORTS

Item 2 Report dated October 6, 2009 was received from the Acting
Ridership Growth General Manager of Growth & Development / Planning Director
Envelope regarding an update on the Ridership Growth Envelope.

The Director of Transit Services outlined the report to the Committee. The Ridership Growth Strategy was approved for a three year period; therefore in order to continue the program, the following recommendation was presented.

MANAGER'S REPORTS (CONT'D)

Item 2
Ridership Growth
Envelope (cont'd)

2009-02 Berthiaume – Dupuis: WHEREAS it is the Transit Committee's mandate to manage the Ridership Growth Envelope

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Transit Committee continue until November 2010, or until their successors are appointed; and

FURTHER THAT the Ridership Growth Initiatives continue to be funded through the Provincial Gas Tax.

CARRIED

The Committee approved a request by Councillor Callaghan for a report regarding existing initiatives and proposed new programs to be included in the Ridership Growth Envelope.

Item 3
Petition to Increase
Bus service
between Valley
East / Capreol to
Sudbury

A petition was submitted requesting an increase to the bus service between Valley East / Capreol and Sudbury.

The Director of Transit Services stated this is a request for an additional run from Valley East / Capreol to the Taxation Centre and the Transit Terminal Downtown, leaving Capreol at 6:00 a.m., as well as an additional run leaving Sudbury to Valley East / Capreol at 3:15 p.m. The run could be added in the morning or change the schedule of the current route; however, the additional afternoon run is not feasible.

Item 4
Petition Requesting
Additional Service
in Garson /
Falconbridge

A petition was submitted requesting an increase to the bus service to Garson / Falconbridge.

The Director of Transit Services stated the petition requests an additional bus per hour throughout the day while preserving the rush hour service. Garson / Falconbridge currently receive the same level of service as other outlying communities.

The Committee agreed that service to Garson / Falconbridge will remain at its current level.

MANAGER'S REPORTS (CONT'D)

Item 5 Council Requests

The Committee reviewed the following requests from Council

- Transit for High School Students
- Transfer of Seniors to Recreation Facilities
- Transit Service from Chelmsford to Sudbury between 10:40 a.m. and 1:25 p.m.
- Enhanced Bus Service for Gatchell
- Bus Routing for Azilda (Lionel E . Lalonde Centre)
- Handi Transit Bus complaints
- Transit Service to Southridge Mall
- TransCab to Levack

and requested further information regarding the feasibility of extending or altering transit services. Some of the requests may be possible by altering bus schedules.

Councillor Callaghan inquired whether Transit Service from Chelmsford / Azilda to the Howard Armstrong Centre could be funded under the Transit Service Grant Fund. The Committee approved Councillor Callaghan's request for a report outlining the types of groups eligible and the costs associated with operating the Grant Fund.

In regards to the Ward 1 Community Action Network Moonglo Transit Survey, the Committee agreed that the service request be denied.

Item 6 Public Requests

The Director of Transit Services reviewed the following public requests and submissions:

- Transit Service from Transit Terminal to Sudbury Downs
- Transit Service from Bonaventure Mall, Chelmsford to Sudbury Downs
- Transit Schedule – Sudbury to Hanmer
- Bus Services to Canada Revenue Agency
- Bus Service on Dominion Drive.

Transit Service from the Downtown Transit Terminal to Sudbury Downs as well as from Bonaventure Mall is pending an agreement between Transit Services and Sudbury Downs; more information will be brought to the Committee once an agreement has been reached.

The Transit Schedule from Sudbury to Hanmer and Bus Services to Canada Revenue Agency are similar in nature to item 3, petition to increase service between Valley East / Capreol to

Item 6
Public Requests
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Sudbury\ and will be considered simultaneously.
The Director of Transit Services will contact the citizen on Dominion Drive regarding their concerns and the options of resolving the issue through transcab services.

Item 7
Budget Options

The Director of Transit stated a Request for Proposal (R.F.P.) was received to operate the Kiosk at the Transit Terminal on behalf of the City at a cost of \$192,000. The cost to have City employees manage the kiosk would be \$160,000, which is \$32,000 less than the R.F.P.

The Committee agreed to forward this budget option to the Finance Committee for consideration.

With respect to the remaining budget options, the Director of Transit requested the enhancement options and incremental costs in the Transit Service Budget be funded in the 2010 budget using the Provincial Gas Tax and the Provincial Gas Tax Reserves.

The Committee approved a request from Councillor Callaghan requesting a report be provided regarding the reserve funds and potential impacts.

ADJOURNMENT

2009-03 Dupuis – Berthiaume: THAT we do now adjourn.
Time: 10:33 a.m.

CARRIED

Lisa Oldridge, Deputy City Clerk

Councillor Callaghan, Chair