



Location:	Committee Room C-12, Tom Davies Square
Commencement:	10:04 AM
Adjournment:	11:07 AM

Minutes

**For the Transit Committee Meeting held
Thursday, September 23, 2010**

Councillor Ted Callaghan Presiding

Councillors

Councillor Berthiaume, Dupuis

Staff

B. Lautenbach, General Manager of Growth & Development; 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; C. Jodouin, Senior Auditor; B. Bigger, Auditor General; C. Law Deputy City Clerk; L. Collin, Planning Committee Secretary

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None Declared.

Media

Northern Life, Voyageur

Rules of Procedure

The Committee, by two thirds majority, agreed to dispense with the Rules of Procedure, to alter the order of the Agenda and deal with Item #3, Manager's Report, regarding Requests for Transit Services.

Managers' Reports

- 3 . Report dated September 8, 2010 was received from the General Manager of Growth and Development regarding Requests for Transit Services.

The Director of Transit Services reviewed the requests for transit services that were received, including:

- Route to Valley at 1:30 p.m.;
- More Trans Cab connections to Wahnapiatae;
- Extra Service to Lively;
- New trip to Valley at 10:30 p.m.;
- Health Team request – Valley and Lively; and
- Extra service to Capreol.

Councillor Berthiaume also requested the schedule be reviewed regarding the meeting of the bus at the trans cab location and a shelter in Chelmsford.

The following recommendation was presented:

2010-07 Dupuis – Berthiaume: That Budget Options be developed for the following items presented to the Transit Committee:

- Route to the Valley at 1:30 p.m.;
- More Trans Cab connections to Wahnapiatae;
- Extra Service to Lively;
- New trip to Valley at 10:30 p.m.;
- Health Team request – Valley (Le Centre de santé communautaire de Grand Sudbury) and Lively (Family Health Clinic);
- Extra service to Capreol;
- Trans cab to Sunnyside Subdivision, Val Caron;
- Trans cab to Levack;
- Bus and trans cab shelter in Chelmsford; and
- Laurentian / Four Corners bus route request.

CARRIED

Presentations

- 1 . Samantha Pitzel, President, Laurentian University Students' General Association, gave an electronic presentation requesting service from Laurentian University to the Four corners. She showed a video depicting the various travel times of students using Sudbury Transit to shop at the businesses at the Four Corners.

The Director of Transit stated they negotiated the U-Pass with Laurentian University at a price of \$200 per student, which provides all students full access to the Transit system throughout the school year. He stated the pass was meant to be revenue neutral; however, the City has had to provide extra costs to continue the program. The number of buses sent to the University has increased since the inception of the program. He believes it could be possible to redirect a bus that is currently running through the university and have it reassigned to be a Laurentian University / Four Corner route and it could possibly be done without a budget option. He stated that adding a route costs approximately \$100 per hour, times the number of times per day it runs, time the number of days it operates. He stated the budget option would not be available for the 2010-2011 school year.

Ms. Pitzel agreed redesignating an existing bus would be beneficial to the students. She agreed to a mass communication project to ensure all students are aware of the existing bus routes and times, and the new routes. She stated mass emails, signs and Facebook pages would be created. Visible weather proof schedules would be placed in the bus shelters.

- 2 . Stop Announcements An email was received by the Director of Transit from a visitor from Ottawa regarding the Stop Announcement System being used by Sudbury Transit. The visitor stated he sent a letter to the City of Ottawa suggesting they review the system in Sudbury as it is an excellent system.

The automated stop announcement system is working well and data is being received and reviewed. He has filed the final report with the Human Rights Tribunal and believes the complaint will be withdrawn. He believes that real time bus information will commence in the near future.
- Downtown Transit Terminal Renovations The terminal renovation will commence in the near future. The kiosk will be moved to the end of the terminal in the hopes to create a more customer friendly environment.

The new facility will create an increase potential for expansion and opportunities for Sudbury Transit. By spring 2011, Sudbury Transit will be 100% accessible, with all buses being low-floor, wheel chair and scooter accessible.
- Cambrian College Mechanics Program The Manager of Transit Fleet and Facilities stated out of service buses have been donated to the Cambrian College Mechanics program. They are working with the College in the hopes of being able to hire their graduated mechanics.
- Northern Regional Transit Conference Sudbury Transit will be hosting the Northern Regional Transit Conference in October 2010.
- Handi-Transit Handi-transit has been sold. The new owners are interested in continuing the contract with Sudbury Transit. He is considering changes as the contract is expected to be renewed in the near future. There have been concerns regarding the types of buses being used for handi-transit.

Education Awareness
Campaign

The Director of Transit stated a public education awareness campaign regarding the accessibility of the Transit System will commence in early 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

2010-08 Berthiaume - Dupuis : That we do now adjourn.
Time: 11:07 a.m.

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CURTISS LAW, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

COUNCILLOR CALLAGHAN, CHAIR