



Transit Routing Ad-hoc Advisory Committee
June 2, 2011
City Hall – Committee Room 2 – 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



Present:

Dave Stuart, General Manager of NF Transit	City of Niagara Falls
Bob Goody, Manager of Transit Operations, NF Transit	City of Niagara Falls
Janet Berry, Executive Secretary, Transportation Services(steno)	City of Niagara Falls

Cliff Barnhart, President of Amalgamated Transit Union
 Tom Bilotta, Member of Amalgamated Transit Union
 Chris Woolnough, Member of Amalgamated Transit Union

Aaron Bailey, St. Michael High School	Mayor’s Youth Advisory
Connor Bitter, Stamford High School	Mayor’s Youth Advisory
Yashir Shab	Mayor’s Youth Advisory

George Mackinnon	Mayor’s Accessibility Advisory Committee
Sylvana Sgro (Public at large)	Mayor’s Accessibility Advisory Committee

Marlene Pierce	Member from the Public at Large
Shane Cooper	Member from the Public at Large
Chris Devereux	Member from the Public at Large
Lino Daza	Member from the Public at Large

Sandy Bird	Senior
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Tommy Anello	Niagara College
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Absent:

Carolynn Ioannoni
 Karl Dren
 Marzenna Carrick
 John Barnsley
 Jim Maves
 Eleanor MacVeigh

1. Review Minutes of May 3, 2011 Meeting

Minutes were accepted as presented. Moved by Marlene Pierce, seconded by George MacKinnon. Carried.

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

Questionnaire Update

- Over 300 completed questionnaires, which is a very significant sample size.
- A summary of results to date was presented.

Web Site Update

- Enhancements have been completed to make the Survey easier to locate on website.

3. Public Outreach Update

- School cafeterias are sometimes under utilized for lunch due to the availability of fast food restaurants in the vicinity. It may be advisable to use MSIP's (study periods) at Myer and Westlane.
- There will be a "Teens on Queen" table at Springlicious, students filling out a survey will get a ballot for a free draw for an ipad and two monthly transit passes.
- Survey's have been inserted in a news letter at Coronation Centre to increase our response from Seniors.
- Parent Council – June meetings are social only. Recommend calling in September.

4. Presentation of Draft 2 Route Structure

- Routes were checked for mileage and maneuverability at 25 km/hr (average speed)

Adjustments were made as follows:

Route 2

Valley Way vs McRae

Maple vs Bridge

Add MacBain Centre

Route 3/31

East bound via Stanley/Murray/Fallsview

West bound via Murray/Fallsview/Robinson/Stanley

Route 4

Huron Eastbound vs Queen

Add Jill loop; remove from 15

Route 5

No change

Route 6

Add Aithlantus, Livingston and Stamford High School
Chippawa loop revision via counter clockwise Main/Welland/Gunning

Route 7

New name: Stamford/Main – North half of former Route 6
Add Stamford High School
Remove Sinnicks; add to route 14

Route 12

New via Valley Way and Homewood
Add Huron for Eastbound

Route 13

Add Huron for Eastbound

Route 14

Add Sinnicks
Add MacBain Centre

Route 15

Revise Chippawa loop via counter clockwise Gunning/Welland/Sodom/Weinbrenner
Delete Jill loop
Delete Kalar/Catalina
Add McLeod to Garner (Boys and Girls Club, St. Michaels High School)

Route 16

New – Montrose & Monastery to Thorold Stone, to Dorchester, to O’Neil, to Portage, to Thorold Stone, to Stanley, to Murray, to Main/Ferry (end of the line)

Route 51

Delete Forestview and St. Michaels Dr
Add Kalar and McGarry
Add MacBain Centre; this to be discussed further today

Base Routes: 3, 31, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 14 Approx. 6am to Midnight – 6 days/week, Sunday 7am – 6pm

Local Routes: 2, 12, 13, 15, 16, 51 Approx. 6am to 6pm – 6 days/week

- Ideally hours of service would be longer, it is a matter of service levels vs cost.
- Perhaps a few routes could operate longer

Topics/Issues for Further Discussion (Group consensus in **BOLD**)

1) Monastery

- 3 routes are an excessive amount of service (5, 16, 51). **route 51 will turn around at Metro Plaza; routes 5 & 16 to serve Monastery on North bound trip only, before end of the line at Metro plaza.**

2) MacBain Centre

- Routes in/out of Niagara Square (2, 3, 4, 14, 15, 51). **eliminate 4 and 15 from going in to MacBain Centre.**
- Which to serve MacBain along with #3 (2 and 14?). **Route 51 will also service MacBain. Summary – service to MacBain via routes 2, 3, 14 &51.**
- Should the selected routes go in 1 or 2 times; if 1, which direction (before or after Niagara Square). **Two times if possible; if travel issue arise, single trip in/out would be for east or north bound after leaving Niagara Square.**

3) Route 16

- i) Sinnicks vs. Route 14. **NO**
- ii) Main/Ferry via North (Hospital) vs. Murray (Fallsview) **YES**
- iii) 2 buses vs. 1 bus on 30 minute headways **Time and distance trail to be conducted.**

4) Route 5

- End of line at Great Wolf Lodge vs Bus Terminal to eliminate large loop and promote 2-way service in Glenview **Yes (subject to approval by Great Wolf Lodge)**

5) Additional

- Switch routes 2 & 12 in McRae, Stanley, Morrison area. **Yes. Therefore, Route 2 via Morrison from Stanley to Fourth. Route 12 via McRae and Fourth.**

6. Work Plan Summary

- Two more Ad Hoc Route Committee meetings – July 7 and August 4
- Public Meeting - June 14 City Hall 5 to 7 p.m. – Key Opinion Leaders to be invited
- Committee member have contributed valuable input during the process
- The workplan will continue to be updated
- Recommendations of the Committee to Council in August
- September 2012 implementation

7. Next Meeting – Thursday, July 7, 2011

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Steno: Janet Berry