

General Manager's Report

October 20th, 2022

1. COVID Update

August was another record month exceeding August 2019 by 15.2%. At 363,367 rides, it's the highest month on record. GoBus ridership is approximately 81.2% of 2019.

2. Electrification Plan

A virtual meeting is scheduled with CUTRIC on October 28th to finalize the data collection for the project.

3. RFP – GoBus Service

The contract with Tok Transit has been finalized and waiting on final signing. A preliminary meeting was held with Tok Transit representatives on October 13th in which they outlined the work they've done to date and an overview of the transition process. We discussed scheduling regular meetings with our transition team over the next few months.

4. Status of ICIP Funding Applications

1. Replacement of Paratransit Fleet	Tender awarded
2. Ten Accessible Bus Shelters	Tender awarded
3. Replacement Shelter Van	Tender closed – no bids received. Quotes requested from suppliers
4. Replacement Community Bus	Approval of funding received
5. Hybrid buses (8) 40-foot	Application submitted May 25 th , 2022
6. Stop Announcement System	Application submitted July 12 th , 2022
7. Radio System Upgrade	Application submitted September 13, 2022
8. Farebox System Replacement	Application submitted September 30, 2022
9. Smart Card Validator Upgrade	Application submitted September 30, 2022

5. Delivery – Eighteen (18) New Paratransit buses for GoBus

An update was received from Crestline Bus. Delivery of the buses is delayed until December. The tender required delivery by October 31st. We are concerned that more delays will result in the buses not arriving in time for the start of the new contract on January 1st. MVT has provided an update that there are now two buses out of service after failing inspection. A meeting was held with the Crestline sales representative about the urgency of receiving the buses as soon as possible. An update received today indicates they are starting production shortly to allow for an earlier delivery.

6. Ad – New Commissioners

The ad for Expressions of Interest closed of October 14, 2022. A committee will be established to review the applications and make a recommendation to Council.

7. Accessibility Plan

A draft terms of reference has been developed. An update from the Province indicates that the accessibility plan template with guidelines has been developed and is currently in the process of being reviewed by their newly established Accessibility Standards Advisory Board and is expected to be circulated soon.

Due to other demands on staff in the past few weeks, additional work has been on hold. It is hoped that the template will be available when staff returns to the project to avoid duplication of work.