



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of the St. John's Transportation Commission
Thursday, August 31, 2023 12:00 PM
In-Person at 25 Messenger Drive and online via WebEx

In attendance:

Lynn Zurel	Chairperson
James Greey	Commissioner
Tolulope Akerele	Commissioner
Barry Fleming	Commissioner
Ian Froude	Vice Chairperson/City Councillor
Ron Ellsworth	Commissioner/City Councillor
Kevin Breen	City Manager
Derek Coffey	Deputy City Manager, Finance & Corporate Services
Judy Powell	General Manager
Donna Power	Administrative Assistant

Regrets:

Maggie Burton	Commissioner/City Councillor
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I. PROCEDURAL

Vice Chair Froude chaired the meeting in-person, at the request of Chair Zurel.
The meeting was called to order at 12:06 PM.

II. AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by Commissioner Breen; seconded by Commissioner Fleming. Motion carried.

III. MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the July 27th, 2023, regular meeting as presented.

Moved by Commissioner Fleming; seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. Motion Carried.

IV. BUSINESS ARISING

Growth Plan: The Terms of Reference has not yet been developed due to staff vacations and preparations for increased service this Fall. It is something that will be worked on throughout September, in advance of budget discussions, and recommendations will be brought forward for the next 2-3 years. The recommendations will reflect options within existing resources as well as those requiring additional assets.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. General Manager's Report

The General Manager's Report was tabled for the Commission's consideration.

2. Executive Summary Report

Canada Games 2025 – There is some concern with our capacity to provide transportation services for the Games. At present though, there have only been initial conversations to explore options. Staff will work with the Games committee to provide advice and assistance, and transportation if possible.

Ridership – Metrobus routes continue to achieve record high levels. GoBus ridership remains below pre-pandemic (2019) levels by about 20%, due to a variety of factors. More GoBus customers are utilizing Metrobus; taxis are becoming more available again and some people are choosing taxis over GoBus; some people may still be working from home; and some medical appointments are still happening virtually.

VI. OTHER

1. The next meeting of the St. John's Transportation Commission will take place on September 28st, 2023, at noon.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Business concluded at approximately 12:18 PM.

MOTION: To adjourn the August 31st, 2023, regular business meeting of the St. John's Transportation Commission.

Moved by Commissioner Ellsworth. Meeting adjourned.