

**THE THIRD MEETING OF THE TRANSIT COMMITTEE  
OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY**

**Transit Garage  
1800 Frobisher Street  
Sudbury, Ontario**

**Thursday, June 22, 2006  
Commencement: 11:16 a.m.**

Chair

**COUNCILLOR CALLAGHAN, IN THE CHAIR**

Councillors

Councillor Berthiaume

Staff

R. Sauve, Director of Transit Services; R. Gauthier, Supervisor of Transit; D. Martel, Mechanical Foreperson; G. Lamothe, Manager of Communications & French Language Service; E. Labelle, Clerk Designate; CJ Caporale, Council Secretary

Declarations of  
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

Update on Issues

Mr. Sauve provided an update on AVL, Transit Centre, Bus Purchase, Fare Box RFP, and the service standards.

He indicated that the components from Bell have been received and installation of the AVL system will commence next week. He advised that the purchase of a call-in real time system is being considered. This would provide customers with the ability to call-in and receive information regarding the location of a specific bus, scheduling, delays, etc. He indicated that the cost to the rider or the City has yet to be determined.

The Transit Centre renovations are complete and additional cleaning and security staff have been hired.

Mr. Sauve stated that with respect to the purchase of buses, the suburban buses will have the City's logo on the back of the seats.

Funding

Mr. Sauve stated that he met with the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) in June and a new funding formula and how the funds will be rolled out in 2007 was announced. He advised that the Province will not be funding the rebuild/replacement of buses in the new year. The Province indicated that the Gas Tax could be used for current operational budget expenditures. Mr. Sauve advised that the CFO/Treasurer will provide options for spending.

Update on Issues  
(continued)

Mr. Sauve advised that the Fare Box RFP has been delayed due to software issues. Jody Cameron, Economic Development Officer - Technology, will be assisting with the preparation of the RFP, which will be ready by the end of next week.

Options for service standards will be brought forward to Council which will include maps of the coverage areas and ridership counts.

Additional Buses

Mr. Sauve advised that the MTO gave the “go-ahead” to order five additional buses which will now take approximately one year to receive instead of twenty-one weeks as initially thought. He has negotiated with Nova Bus, A Division of Prevost Car Inc., to deliver the additional buses in the new year with only a 1.5% increase to the price. This will keep the price at \$20,000 to \$30,000 less than other municipalities. Therefore, at the Council meeting of July 12, 2006, staff will recommend that five additional buses be purchased, using those five as replacement buses, in order to receive the one-third funding from the Province next year.

Funding

Mr. Sauve advised that there will be additional funding administered through AMO, which is a Federal Public Transit Fund, in the amount of approximately \$900,000.

Report to Council

It was recommended that the Transit Committee delay their report to Council until September 27, 2006, which will allow time to have everything in place in order to gather substantial information and statistics.

Meeting in Valley East

Mr. Gauthier provided the Committee with a brief update on the Community Action Network (CAN) meeting held in Valley East last week. They discussed policy issues on the use of strollers on the bus, monthly passes being available at the Citizen Service Centres once the fare boxes are installed, having bus tickets delivered to the retail outlets in Valley East and educating the public on using “common courtesy” while riding the bus.

Mr. Sauve advised that CUTA is implementing a new program entitled “BOB - Behaviour on Bus” which the City could also implement.

Councillor Callaghan also requested that Council be advised that City buses are accessible, not only for the handicapped but also mothers with strollers and the elderly.

Mr. Lamothe is to develop a “BOB” program.

Conference Update

Mr. Sauve advised that he and Councillor Dupuis attended the CUTA Conference and asked that this item be rescheduled for the next meeting.

Minutes of 2006-05-24

The Transit Committee minutes of 2006-05-24 were received for information only.

Other Business

Councillor Callaghan will email Council and Senior Management Team providing an update on the work of the Transit Committee.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be in September at the call of the Chair.

Adjournment

2006-6 Berthiaume-Callaghan: THAT this meeting does now adjourn.  
Time: 12:10 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Councillor Ted Callaghan, Chair

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Eric Labelle, Clerk Designate

