

THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE TRANSIT COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY

Committee Room C-11
Tom Davis Square

Tuesday, February 17, 2009
Commencement: 1:02 p.m.

Councillor Ted Callaghan, Presiding

Councillors

Councillor Berthiaume, Dupuis

Staff

B. Lautenbach, Acting General Manager of Growth & Development / Planning Director; R. Sauvé, Director of Transit Services; R. Gauthier, Manager of Transit Operations; L. Church, Transit Services Administrator; D. Dumontelle, Manager of Financial Support and Budgeting; E. Stankiewicz, Manager of Financial Planning and Policy; B. Carter, Communications Officer; L. Oldridge, Deputy City Clerk; L. Collin, Planning Committee Secretary

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Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None Declared

MANAGER'S REPORTS

Item #2. Automated Next Stop Announcement System System

Report dated January 23, 2009 was received from the Acting General Manager of Growth & Development / Planning Director regarding the supply and installation of an Automated Next Stop Announcement System for Greater Sudbury Transit.

The Director of Transit Services outlined the report to the Committee.

Following significant discussion, the Committee agreed that the report be considered at the February 25, 2009 City Council Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Item #3
Ridership Statistics Letter dated January 22, 2009 was received from the Director of Transit Services regarding Ridership Statistics.

The Director of Transit Services outlined the Ridership Comparison (sheet) and the Ridership by Route statistics for 2008. He stated that there were over 5 million rides in 2008, which was an increase of 3%. Individual routes 401, 301 and 302 combined total, 30% of ridership.

In response to a question regarding Handi-transit, the Director of Transit Services informed the Committee this program continues to grow and when required, regular taxis are used. He stated more buses will likely be required in the future. The service provided by Handi-Transit is meant to parallel the transit system regarding time schedules and service levels.

Item #4
Financial Plan for New Transit Garage Report dated February 11, 2009 was received from the Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer regarding the Financial plan for the New Transit Garage.

The Manager of Financial Support and Budgeting outlined the report regarding the financial plan for the new Transit Garage. He stated more information will be made available once the Federal and Provincial Government budgets have been announced.

Updates

Route 7, North End The Director of Transit Services stated there has been one issue in the route change to Route 7, North End to service the Family Health Team Office at Pioneer Manor, that being the amount of traffic on Notre Dame Avenue; however, with new potential routes the pressure on this route will be lessened.

Madison/Cambrian Routes The Director of Transit Services stated they are waiting for final approval of the budget. All the new routes have been mapped out and are ready to be introduced. There has been positive feedback from the Drivers regarding suggestions and input into the new routes, which will ease the pressure on the existing New Sudbury routes.

ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation #2009-01:

Dupuis – Berthiaume: THAT we do now adjourn.
Time: 2:21 p.m.

CARRIED

Lisa Oldridge, Deputy City Clerk

Councillor Callaghan, Chair