



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of the St. John's Transportation Commission
Thursday, December 14, 2023 11:00 AM
In-Person at 25 Messenger Drive and online via WebEx

In attendance:

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

Regrets:

Maggie Burton	Commissioner/City Councillor
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I. PROCEDURAL

Chair Zurel called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM.

II. AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by Commissioner Ellsworth; seconded by Commissioner Akerele. Motion carried.

III. MINUTES

Commissioner Akerele noted a typo under item 3 of New Business. The corrected sentence should read "*Data was collected from a variety of stakeholders in both St. John's and Halifax.*"

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the November 30, 2023, regular meeting as amended.

Moved by Commissioner Akerele; seconded by Commissioner Greey.
Motion Carried.

IV. BUSINESS ARISING

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Decision Notes

i. Zero Emissions Bus Implementation Plan

MOTION: To approve the report and move forward with plans to implement zero emissions buses.

Moved by Commissioner Akerele; seconded by Commissioner Greey.
Motion carried.

2. Reports

i. General Manager's Report

The MQO survey will be underway this week with the report expected by the end of January 2024.

The Commission agreed it will be helpful to have data related to the on demand service incorporated into the executive summary report each month. The information will help gauge the impacts for the current and new phase of service and to evaluate the project overall.

Both Paradise and Mount Pearl have publicized improvements to transit within their budget announcements. Paradise has requested to increase their service frequency during the day, which is manageable within Metrobus' existing resources. At present, it is not known what improvements Mount Pearl is planning. Staff will reach out to determine if Metrobus can accommodate their requests.

ii. Executive Summary Report

This week, staff have started doing sessions with the Association of New Canadians, with the help of interpreters, to support immigrants in learning how to use the bus. These sessions will benefit the community overall and help sustain ridership.

VI. OTHER

1. The next meeting of the St. John's Transportation Commission will take place on January 25, 2024, at 12 PM.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Business concluded at approximately 11:20 AM.

MOTION: To adjourn the December 14, 2023, regular business meeting of the St. John's Transportation Commission.

Moved by Commissioner Breen. Meeting adjourned.