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North West Community Council
January 28, 2010

TO: Councillor Robert P. Harvey, Chair, and members of the North West Community Council

SUBMITTED BY: *Boris G. Grewer*
for Mr. Michael Cormier, Chair, North West Transit Advisory Committee

DATE: January 18, 2010

SUBJECT: Future of the North West Transit Advisory Committee

ORIGIN

October 14, 2009 and January 13, 2010 meetings of the North West Transit Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the North West Community Council:

Maintain the status quo in regard to its North West Transit Advisory Committee.

BACKGROUND

The members of the North West Transit Advisory Committee, by request of Deputy Mayor Johns, discussed whether to disband the Committee and eventually join or merge with the proposed Regional Transportation Advisory Committee.

DISCUSSION

Following discussions held in October 2009 and January 2010, the consensus of the Committee members was that the North West Transit Advisory Committee maintain status quo for the following reasons:

- the North West Transit Advisory Committee is an important conduit from the public.
- the North West Transit Advisory Committee provides a more local perspective that is beneficially to Metro Transit.
- comments are being made in regard to new forms of transportation such as hovercrafts and commuter trains, therefore, this would not be a good time to disband a Transit Advisory Committee.
- the North West Community Council will be expanding with the addition of two Councillors to include portions of District 2 and 23.
- the proposed Regional Transportation Advisory Committee may focus more on bikeways and walkways than transit.

The consensus of the North West Transit Advisory Committee was that status quo be maintained.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications associated with this report.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

1. The North West Community Council may choose to disband its North West Transit Advisory Committee. This is not the recommended option.
2. The North West Community Council may choose to retain the North West Transit Advisory Committee until such time as a new Regional Transit Advisory Committee is established. That is the recommended staff alternative in keeping with Committee of Council reform.

ATTACHMENTS - NONE

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