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North West Community Council
November 27, 2008

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

SUBMITTED BY: 
Mr. Phillip Cox, Chair, North West Transit Advisory Committee

DATE: November 13, 2008

SUBJECT: **Metro Transit Route 88 Duke - Proposed Routing Amendments**

ORIGIN

November 12, 2008 North West Transit Advisory Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the North West Community Council request that Metro Transit consider the following routing amendments to the Route 88 Duke:

1. Commence run at the Cobequid Terminal rather than the Sackville Terminal.
2. Proceed from Cobequid Terminal on a counter clockwise route to the Bedford Highway and continue as follows: left turn from the Bedford Highway onto Rocky Lake Drive; left turn from Rocky Lake Drive onto Duke Street; left turn from Duke Street onto Damascus Road; left turn from Damascus Road onto Duke Street then return to Cobequid Terminal.

BACKGROUND

The members of the North West Transit Advisory Committee noted that service could be improved for the Route 88 Duke by implementing the suggested amendments which would provide service along Rocky Lake Drive and better than hourly service to Duke Street. The proposed changes would enable the Route 88 to connect with all other Bedford/Sackville runs. A counter clockwise route would also provide better service for pedestrian access to the shopping centres. The shortened route could be run on a thirty minute cycle and serviced by a smaller bus. The Committee believes these amendments would improve ridership.

The North West Transit Advisory Committee recommend the North West Community Council support the proposed amended Route 88 Duke and request that Metro Transit implement these changes.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications associated with this report. There may be a budget impact if certain suggested amendments were to be considered such as commencing the runs from the Cobequid Terminal rather than the Sackville Terminal and increasing service to thirty-minute frequency.

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

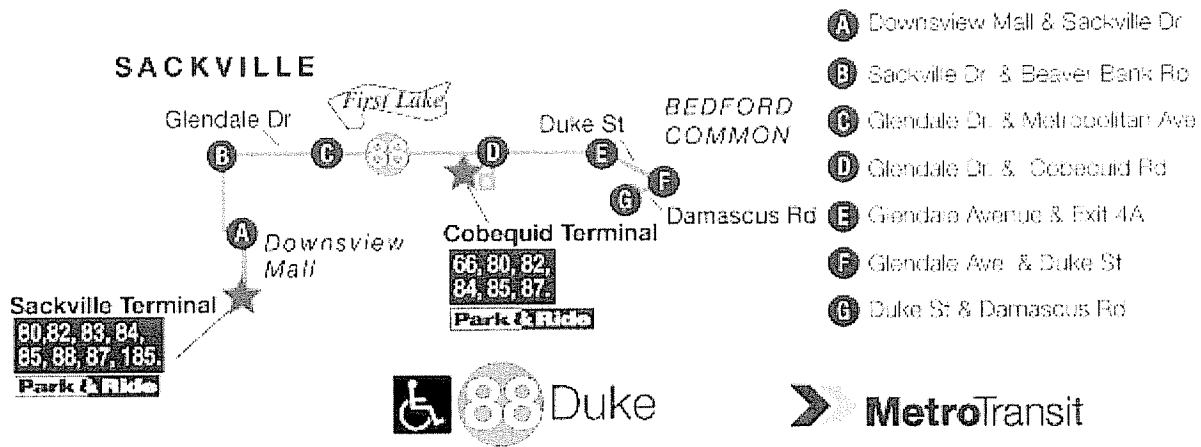
North West Community Council could chose not to support the recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Route 88 Duke - Current Route Map.

A copy of this report can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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88 DUKE

To Sackville

To Bedford Common



Leave Bedford Common	Cobequid Terminal	Arrive Sackville Terminal	Leave Sackville Terminal	Cobequid Terminal	Arrive Bedford Common
8505	6445	8260	8260	8646	8505

Monday to Sunday & Holidays

-	606a	622a	630a	646a	655a
657a	706a	722a	730a	746a	755a
757a	806a	822a	830a	846a	855a
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857p	906p	922p	930p	946p	955p
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