

June to November 2008 Website Update

June ATAC Meeting (Re-scheduled to July 2, 2008)

The meeting was called to order by Larry Hilton, Supervisor of Access-A-Bus. Larry welcomed the new Committee Members to the meeting.

Committee Members present: Fred Bishop, Cathy Cranidge, Gail Vaughan, Donnie Mullins, Murray Holman, Gwen MacLachlan, Linda Pottie, Terry Cousineau, Joann Walsh, Terri Zinck (Administrative Support), Jim Leadon, ATU Representative and Councillor Gary Meade.

Regrets were received from Todd Hacquoil, Bill Moffatt and Roy LeBlanc

The minutes of the April 23rd meeting were approved as circulated.

Agenda -

1. The new Executive were chosen as follows: Chairperson - Fred Bishop, Vice-Chairperson - Cathy Cranidge, Member at Large - Terry Cousineau, Secretary - Deferred to next meeting. Volunteers for Sub-Committees will be decided at next meeting since some members were not in attendance.
2. A change in meeting times was discussed.
3. For the benefit of the new Committee members, Larry gave a brief overview of Access-A-Bus and the challenges we are facing.

Reports -

Public Relations Committee - Plans for BBQ in August are progressing well, door prizes have been donated and Gary Meade advised a couple of the HRM Councillors have offered to assist.

Eligibility Criteria - Meetings are being held monthly. Meetings with stakeholders to begin in June.

Meeting adjourned 3:00 pm

Next meeting scheduled July 23, 2008 1-3 pm Metro Transit Training Room A

ATAC Meeting - July 23, 2008

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairperson, Fred Bishop. Fred introduced Pat Meagher, the new Supervisor of Special Services to the Committee.

Committee Members present - Pat Meagher (Supervisor Access-A-Bus), Terri Zinck (Administrative Support), Gwen Maclachlan, Donnie Mullins, Gail Vaughan, Murray Holman, Cathy Cranidge, Linda Pottie, Terry Cousineau, Joann Walsh, Bill Moffatt, Todd Hacquoil, Roy LeBlanc, Joann Walsh, Councillor Gary Meade.

Regrets - Jim Leadon, ATU Representative

The minutes of the meeting held July 2, 2008 were approved.

Agenda -

1. Elections were completed - Gail Vaughan was nominated as Secretary.
2. Signing of Oath of Confidentiality was completed.
3. A change in meeting times was discussed.
4. Christmas Party - Fred will book Steak & Stein for early December.
5. It was agreed that Fred could ask for advice from previous members as a resource only.

Reports -

No Show/Cancellation Committee - One appeal has been heard.

Low Floor Committee - Todd circulated results of Accessible Transportation Questionnaire that was distributed last year. He advised two new low floor routes will be added in November. It is hoped that construction of the new Bridge Terminal will begin soon.

Public Relations Committee - Plans for the BBQ in August are in place and volunteers are in place.

Eligibility Criteria - Meetings are being held once a month and progress is being made. Meetings with stakeholders have begun and will continue over the next few months.

Meeting adjourned 3:00 pm.

Next meeting scheduled August 27, 2008 2-4 pm Metro Transit Training Room A

ATAC Meeting - August 27, 2008

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Fred Bishop at 2:05 pm.

Committee Members present - Pat Meagher, (Supervisor, Access-A-Bus)Gwen Maclachlan, Donnie Mullins, Gail Vaughan, Murray Holman, Cathy Cranidge, Linda Pottie, Terry Cousineau, Joann Walsh, Bill Moffatt, Roy LeBlanc, Councillor Gary Meade.

Regrets - Terri Zinck, (Administrative Support)

The minutes of July 23rd were approved as amended.

Agenda -

1. Chairperson Fred Bishop reminded Committee Members to be respectful of others at the meetings
2. Client Concerns should be called in to Call Centre 490-4000.
3. Meeting Times changed to 2:00 to 4:00 pm
4. Christmas Party has been booked for December 3rd at Steak & Stein, Halifax.
5. Discussion held regarding accessible transportation for concerts on the Commons.
6. Signs are to be placed on Access-A-Bus in the near future to keep clients informed.
7. A replacement award for the Lloyd Samson award has yet to be established.
8. Website to be updated with current Committee Members.

Meeting adjourned at 3:54 pm.

Next meeting scheduled September 24, 2008 2-4 pm Metro Transit Training Room A

September meeting cancelled

ATAC Meeting - October 22, 2008

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Fred Bishop at 2:00 pm.

Committee Members present - Pat Meagher, (Supervisor, Access-A-Bus), Terri Zinck (Administrative Support), Gail Vaughan, Murray Holman, Cathy Cranidge, Terry Cousineau, Joann Walsh, Bill Moffatt, Todd Hacquoil, Roy LeBlanc.

Erin Flaim, Manager of Service Delivery, Metro Transit was also in attendance for part of meeting.

Regrets - Linda Pottie, Gwen Maclachlan, Donnie Mullins

Minutes of August 27th meeting were approved as amended.

Agenda -

1. Parking Spot at Metro Centre will be available for special events.
2. Access-A-Bus Scheduling should improve with the upgrade to computer system.
3. Christmas Party arrangements have been finalized.
4. Updated Application Form to be posted on website.
5. Ramp Safety Issues - Clients should be advised to hold onto rail, not walker when on ramp.
6. Shuttles for Keith Urban Concert were wheelchair accessible.

Committees -

No Show - One appeal has been heard, one more to be scheduled.

Low Floor - Meeting held last month. A report will be provided next meeting.

Eligibility - Stakeholder meetings still taking place . Recommendations hoped to be ready for January.

Meeting adjourned 3:55 pm

Next meeting scheduled November 26, 2008 2-4 pm Metro Transit Training Room A

ATAC Meeting - November 26, 2008

Meeting called to order by Fred Bishop, Chairperson at 2:00 pm

Committee Members present - Pat Meagher (Supervisor, Access-A-Bus), Terri Zinck (Administrative Support), Cathy Cranidge, Gail Vaughan, Gwen Maclachlan, Terry Cousineau, Joann Walsh, Bill Moffatt, Todd Hacquoil, Roy LeBlanc, Jim Leadon, ATU Rep.

Lori Patterson, Manager Public Affairs, Metro Transit and Lauchie Rutt, Diversity Consultant, Metro Transit were also in attendance.

Regrets - Linda Pottie, Donnie Mullins, Murray Holman

The minutes of the meeting held October 22, 2008 were approved.

Agenda -

1. A retirement card for Gary Meade was circulated to be signed by Committee.
2. Discussion took place regarding a replacement award for the Lloyd Samson Award. Several ideas were brought forward and a decision will be made in the new year.
3. Discussion regarding perhaps holding AGM in different location. Decision to be made in January.
4. It is hoped we will have a new HRM Councillor rep for the January meeting.

Committees -

Low Floor Committee - Two new low floor routes in effect November 23, #89 and #19. Construction of the new Dartmouth Bridge Terminal will begin soon and will hopefully be completed by Fall 2009. This terminal will be wheelchair accessible. There was also some discussion regarding the bus stop at Tacoma Drive as it is only wheelchair accessible on one side.

Eligibility - Meetings with stakeholders have now been completed. Next meeting to be held in January and recommendations will be brought forward shortly.

Meeting adjourned 3:45 pm

No meeting scheduled for December 2008.

Next meeting scheduled January 28, 2009 2-4 pm Metro Transit Training Room A