

## **January to April 2009 Website Update**

ATAC Meeting - January 28, 2009

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

Committee Members present: Pat Meagher (Superintendent, Special Services), Terri Zinck (Administrative Support), Fred Bishop (Chairperson), Cathy Cranidge (Vice-Chairperson), Gail Vaughan (Secretary), Gwen Maclachlan, Terry Cousineau, Joann Walsh, Bill Moffatt, Todd Hacquoil, Roy LeBlanc, Linda Pottie, Murray Holman, Councillor Jerry Blumenthal, Jim Leadon, ATU.

Regrets - Donnie Mullins

The minutes of the meeting held November 26, 2008 were approved.

Agenda -

1. Employee Recognition Award - A draft of this proposed award was presented and it is hoped to have this award in place for the 2010 Annual General Meeting.
2. AGM 2009 - The Dartmouth North Community Centre has been booked for May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Reports -

No Show/Cancellation Committee - Clients abusing the system will be monitored and dealt with appropriately.

Low Floor Committee - A Questionnaire has been drafted for the Low Floor Service and it is planned to include this in this year's AGM package.

Public Relations - Nothing to report at this time.

Eligibility Criteria - This committee met twice in January and are currently working on a draft application form.

Added Items:

1. An enquiry was made regarding a Mission Statement for Access-A-Bus. It was decided that our Terms of Reference covers this issue.

2. Discussion took place regarding the safety issues involved with tying down walkers/wheelchairs on the bus. There is an on going problem with some operators not knowing how to properly tie down wheelchairs on the low floor buses. Training is now being provided to new operators in this regard and a wheelchair identification program is being developed which will use stickers to indicate where a wheelchair should be tied down.
3. Public Affairs will attend next meeting to discuss the CNIB pass.
4. Bus maintenance issues are being monitored.
5. A security camera has been installed on one Access-A-Bus just as an experiment. Conventional buses are being equipped first.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm

Next meeting scheduled February 25, 2009 2-4 pm Metro Transit Training Room A

### **ATAC Meeting - February 25, 2009**

Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm by Cathy Cranidge, Vice Chairperson.

Committee Members present: Terri Zinck (Administrative Support), Cathy Cranidge (Vice-Chairperson), Gwen Maclachlan, Terry Cousineau, Joann Walsh, Bill Moffatt, Todd Hacquoil, Roy LeBlanc, Linda Pottie, Murray Holman, Donnie Mullins, Councillor Jerry Blumenthal. Lori Patterson, Metro Transit and Randy Kinghorn from HRM Legal were also in attendance.

Regrets - Fred Bishop, Pat Meagher, Jim Leadon

The minutes of the meeting held January 28, 2009 were approved.

Agenda -

1. A suggestion was made that clients could call Dispatch to verify their time was the same.
2. It was suggested that when AAB pulls into the Rehab Centre, they should pull in at an angle to make room for another bus to park.
3. Preliminary plans are being made for the AGM to be held Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Dartmouth North Community Centre.

4. Clarification was made regarding the phasing out of the CNIB pass by Lori Patterson and Randy Kinghorn.

Reports -

No Show/Cancellation Committee - Nothing new to report.

Low Floor Committee - Copies of recommendations to be made to Metro Transit were distributed to committee members.

Public Relations Committee - Nothing new to report.

Eligibility Criteria Committee - This committee is making good progress.

Added Items -

1. There was an enquiry regarding the policy of assisting clients on/off the AAB. It was stated that should you require assistance and do not receive this service, to ask the operator.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm

Next meeting scheduled for March 25, 2009 2-4 pm Metro Transit Training Room A

March 25, 2009 cancelled.

ATAC Meeting - April 22, 2009

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairperson Fred Bishop.

Committee Members present - Pat Meagher (Superintendent, Special Services), Terri Zinck (Administrative Support), Fred Bishop (Chairperson), Cathy Cranidge (Vice-Chairperson), Gail Vaughan (Secretary), Gwen Maclachlan, Terry Cousineau, Joann Walsh, Bill Moffat, Todd Hacquoil, Roy LeBlanc, Linda Pottie, Murray Holman, Donnie Mullins, Councillor Jerry Blumenthal.

The minutes of the meeting held February 25, 2009 were approved.

Agenda -

1. Discussion took place regarding the expansion of rural bus service and its effect on AAB. This issue is still being discussed with Council and has not been confirmed to date.

2. ALF routes are to provide extended service for downtown.
3. Fare increase will take effect July 1, 2009.
4. AGM mail out is now complete.

Reports -

Low Floor/Cancellation Committee - There are 2 meetings scheduled.

Low Floor Committee - Recommendations have been sent to Metro Transit and forwarded to appropriate departments.

Public Relations Committee - A representative will attend the Transition Fair to be held at Cole Harbour Place on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Eligibility Criteria Committee - Making good progress.

Added Items -

1. Meeting time will remain at 1-3 pm.
2. Bus Maintenance is being monitored.
3. Sticker Program for wheelchairs is being worked on as part of Eligibility Criteria.
4. Fred extended thank you to Committee for their hard work over the past year.

Meeting adjourned 2:45 pm.

Annual General Meeting to be held Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at  
Dartmouth North Community Centre