



Minutes

Brampton Transit Advisory Committee The Corporation of the City of Brampton

Monday, March 1, 2021

Members Present: Regional Councillor M. Palleschi (Co-Chair)
 Regional Councillor P. Vicente (Co-Chair)
 Sylvia Menezes Roberts
 Akinade Oduntan
 Ameek Singh
 Myrna Adams, Representative, Age-Friendly Brampton Advisory
 Committee
 Alina Grzejszczak, Representative, Cycling Advisory Committee
 Todd Letts, Representative, Brampton Board of Trade

Staff Present: Alex Milojevic, General Manager, Transit
 Doug Rieger, Director, Transit Development
 Vincent Rodo, Director, Transit
 Ivana Tomas, Director, Transit Services
 Shauna Danton, Legislative Coordinator, City Clerk's Office

1. Call to Order

Note: In consideration of the current COVID-19 public health orders prohibiting large public gatherings of people and requirements for physical distancing between persons, in-person attendance at this Planning and Development Committee meeting was limited and physical distancing was maintained in Council Chambers at all times during the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

As this meeting of the Brampton Transit Advisory Committee was conducted with electronic participation by Members, the meeting started with the Clerk's Office calling the roll for attendance at the meeting, as follows:

Members present during roll call: Councillor Palleschi, Councillor Vicente, Sylvia Menezes Roberts, Akinade Oduntan, Aameek Singh, Myrna Adams, Alina Grzeszczak, Todd Letts

Members absent during roll call: Rafiqul Islam, Sarbjeet Sani, Franco Spadafora

2. Approval of Agenda

BTAC001-2021

That the Agenda for the Brampton Transit Advisory Committee Meeting of March 1, 2021, be approved as amended as follows:

To add:

7.1 - Discussion at the request of Sylvia Menezes Roberts, Member, re: **Agenda Publication and the Procedure By-law**

7.2 - Discussion at the request of Sylvia Menezes Roberts, Member, re: **Transit Oriented Development**

7.3 - Discussion at the request of Sylvia Menezes Roberts, Member, re: **Bus Lanes**

Carried

3. Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

Nil

4. Previous Minutes

The minutes were considered by Committee of Council on November 18, 2020, and approved by Council on November 25, 2020. The minutes were provided for Committee's information.

5. Presentations\Delegations

5.1 Staff presentation by Alex Milojevic, General Manager, Transit, re: Transit Advisory Committee Presentation

Transit staff provided a presentation that included the following:

- Deferral of 2020 Items

- 2021 Budget
- ICIP Update
- 2020 Ridership
- Follow-up: 2019 Customer Satisfaction Survey
- Transit Projects
- 2021 Service Plan
- Follow-up: Bike and Car Sharing in Brampton

Committee discussion of the matter included:

- route extensions; anticipated completion, delays, and contingency plans
- Covid-19 impacts and questions of clarification with respect to the budget
- provincial grants and funding; phases and timelines

The following motion was considered:

BTAC002-2021

That the staff presentation re: **Transit Advisory Committee Presentation** to the Brampton Transit Advisory Committee Meeting of March 1, 2021 be received.

Carried

5.2 Staff presentation by Alex Milojevic, General Manager, Transit, re: Customer Satisfaction among Brampton Transit Riders

Staff provided a presentation that included the following:

- Customer satisfaction with respect to: bus services, terminals, shelters, stops, and bus drivers
- alternative modes of transportation
- trip overview: trips per week, number of trips over time, longevity, weekday vs. weekend trips, employment, and age

Committee discussion of the matter included the following:

- frequency of customer satisfaction surveys
- details of ridership data
- future data collection and topic suggestions

The following motion was considered:

BTAC003-2021

That the staff presentation re: **Customer Satisfaction among Brampton Transit Riders** to the Brampton Transit Advisory Committee Meeting of March 1, 2021 be received.

Carried

6. Reports/Updates

Nil

7. Other/New Business/Information Items

7.1 Discussion at the request of Sylvia Menezes Roberts, Member, re: Agenda Publication and the Procedure By-law

Committee noted the significant agenda items and expressed a desire for more time to review the materials prior to the meeting. The following suggestions were provided:

- that the meeting frequency be increased to allow for a more even agenda item distribution, or
- that the agenda publication and circulation date be amended from one (1) Friday prior to the week of the meeting, to two (2) Fridays prior to the week of the meeting

There was consensus that Council ratification of either of the suggested amendments to the meeting protocol would suffice.

A recorded vote was requested and the motions carried as follows:

BTAC004-2021

That it is the position of the Brampton Transit Advisory Committee that the Brampton Transit Advisory Committee's agenda publication and circulation date be amended from one (1) Friday prior to the week of the meeting, to two (2) Fridays prior to the week of the meeting, for the remainder of the current term of council.

A recorded vote was requested and the motion carried as follows:

Yea (8): Regional Councillor Vicente, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Sylvia Menezes Roberts, Akinade Oduntan, Aamek Singh, Myrna Adams, Alina Grzejszczak, Todd Letts

Absent (3): Rafiqul Islam, Sarbjeet Saini, Franco Spadafora

Carried (8 to 3)

BTAC005-2021

That it is the position of the Brampton Transit Advisory Committee that the frequency of Brampton Transit Advisory Committee meetings be increased for the remainder of the current term of council.

A recorded vote was requested and the motion carried as follows:

Yea (8): Regional Councillor Vicente, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Sylvia Menezes Roberts, Akinade Oduntan, Aamek Singh, Myrna Adams, Alina Grzejszczak, Todd Letts

Absent (3): Rafiqul Islam, Sarbjeet Saini, Franco Spadafora

Carried (8 to 3)

7.2 Discussion at the request of Sylvia Menezes Roberts, Member, re: Transit Oriented Development

Committee consideration of the matter included a suggestion that the City adopt a definition of good transit and ensure it is incorporated into future planning considerations, with an emphasis on areas designated for high density development. Committee noted Council's commitment to reduce parking requirements in new developments in an effort to encourage transit usage.

- 7.3 Discussion at the request of Sylvia Menezes Roberts, Member, re: Bus Lanes Committee outlined the importance and need for dedicated bus and cycling lanes and along the Hurontario and Steeles LRT routes.

Staff noted that the comments will be taken into consideration during the LRT process.

8. Correspondence

Nil

9. Question Period

In response to a question from Committee, staff outlined the City's bus cleaning and sanitization procedures.

10. Public Question Period

The public was given the opportunity to submit questions via e-mail to the City Clerk's Office regarding any decisions made at this meeting.

Staff confirmed that no questions were submitted regarding decisions made at this meeting.

11. Closed Session

Nil

12. Adjournment

The following motion was considered:

BTAC006-2021

That the Brampton Transit Advisory Committee do now adjourn to meet again on Monday, May 3, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., or at the call of the Co-Chairs.

Carried

Regional Councillor P. Palleschi (Co-Chairs)

Regional Councillor P. Vicente (Co-Chairs)