

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Councillor Mike McArthur

Chris Oslund, Temiskaming Shores

Councillor Patricia Hewitt

Mitch Lafreniere, Manager of Physical Assets

Mayor George Othmer, Cobalt

Kelly Conlin, Executive Assistant

Councillor Pat Anderson, Cobalt

3.0 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE

None

4.0 REVIEW OF REVISIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

None

5.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommendation TC-2020-007

Moved by: Mayor George Othmer

Be it resolved that:

The Temiskaming Transit Committee agenda for the April 29, 2020 meeting be approved as printed.

Carried

6.0 REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Recommendation TC-2020-008

Moved by: Councillor Pat Anderson

Be it resolved that:

The Temiskaming Transit Committee minutes for the February 26, 2020 meeting be adopted as printed.

Carried

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

8.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Financial update

Discussion:

Chris provided the Committee with a year to date financial update. Given the current COVID-19 situation and the measures that the transit system has put into place such as free use of transit, the financial position is not ideal. On top of the COVID-19 issue, there has also been unexpected and costly repairs required for the buses, which has put the Maintenance budget approximately \$35K over budget for the year so far. Chris will send out a revised contribution summary to the Committee to share with their Councils. It is unknown at this time if the federal government will be allocating funds specifically for transit systems to address losses incurred during the pandemic.

Free transit is continuing for the month of May; however, the Committee will need to discuss options for June.

8.2 Map/brochure update

Discussion:

Mitch Lafreniere recently obtained pricing for the development and printing of new transit brochures.

Recommendation TC-2020-009

Moved by: Councillor Pat Anderson

Be it resolved that:

The Temiskaming Transit Committee hereby approves utilizing the services of Temiskaming Printing for the development and printing of new transit brochures.

Carried

8.3 New transit bus – Verbal update

Discussion:

Mitch Lafreniere advised the Committee that due to the current COVID-19 situation, there will be a delay in the arrival of the new transit bus to the Fall, it was previously schedule to arrive sometime in April.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 2020 Gas Tax Allotment

Discussion:

For the Committee's information, the Temiskaming Transit will receive \$136,937 from the gas tax funding.

9.2 Covid 19 (Transit driver discussions)

Discussion:

The Committee recently held two conference calls with the Stock transportation representatives and the transit drivers to discuss any concerns they may have in regards to Covid-19. The Committee wanted to ensure that the drivers were aware that the Committee supports them and will do what we can to ensure that passengers are only using the transit for essentials. The drivers have been given the ability to remove joy riders from the bus, and the Committee recently ramped up messaging to that effect. The drivers were also provided with masks (cloth) to use if they feel there is someone who requires one.

10.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMPLAINTS

Discussion:

None

11.0 CLOSED SESSION

Recommendation TC-2020-010

Moved by: Mayor George Othmer

Be it resolved that:

The Temiskaming Transit Committee convene into Closed Session at 9:28 a.m. discuss the following matters

- Under Section 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act, 2001, personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried

Recommendation TS-2020-011

Moved by: Mayor George Othmer

Be it resolved that:

The Temiskaming Transit Committee rise without report at 9:36 a.m.

Carried

12.0 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Transit Committee will be scheduled as needed.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation TC-2020-012

Moved by: Councillor Pat Anderson

Be it resolved that:

The Transit Committee meeting is adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Carried

COMMITTEE CHAIR

COMMITTEE SECRETARY