



Disability Advisory Group

Minutes –September 9, 2008
Community Inc.'s offices

In Attendance

Ron Mullins, GM Kings Transit
Brian (Seward) Bruce, citizen member, People First
Sandra Wood, Community Inc.
Vicki Petrie – Manager- Annapolis Valley Work Centre
Tracey Robinson, Family First Medical
Joan Levack- Vice Chair, NS League for Equal Opportunities (NSLEO)
Barbara Aikman, Support Services Group

Regrets,

Rhonda Spears- Annapolis Valley Work Centre
Les Kakonyi- RCMP Community Constable
Kimberly Monette, Family First Medical
Alison McQueen, citizen member with Becky Corkum
Debbie Decker, Trans County Accessible Transit Society
Jennifer Coolen, Nova Scotia Health Promotion and Protection
John MacInnes, Annapolis Valley ARC

1. Approval of the agenda

Added Kings Transit Fare Increase notice

Moved by Ron and seconded by Joan that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried

2. Approval of the minutes

Moved by Joan and seconded by Tracey to approve the minutes as circulated.

Motion carried.

3. Attendant Fare Policy

Ron updated everyone on the attendant fare policy noting that it was easier and made more sense to issue the client a card where they may alternate attendants (as an example, vacation). Joan questioned the wording around the wording of client versus maybe consumer in the policy and form. It was agreed that client was the best wording for now.

4. Education and public awareness

Members acknowledged the need for education and suggested maybe using service clubs (sponsor a stop), public service announcements, radio ads, website (contact us, asking for feedback) and churches as avenues of promoting Kings Transit’s accessible service.

5. Pool of Volunteers

Members discussed the logistics of getting a pool of dependable volunteers together, background checks, insurance etc and it was agreed that this was not feasible at this point in time.

6. Wheel Chair, accessible bus stops

Kings Transit does not have the ability to stop in the middle of a road to pick up anyone in a wheelchair. We can’t block the street/road for minutes at a time when loading someone with a wheelchair. It was suggested that people could call Kings Transit ahead of time to alert them of a wheelchair pickup. It was suggested that Kings Transit denote stops for wheelchairs to inform the public.

7. Security Cameras

Ron updated the group on the upcoming presentation of our security cameras to FlowerCart and had offered to do the same for anyone else that was interested.

8. Correspondence and Miscellaneous

Ron informed the group that Kings Transit will be increasing its fares effective October 1st after their successful rate review hearing on September 8th. Ron explained the new rates.

9. Next meeting

Dec 9th @ 9:30 am to 11am

Action Items:

n/a

Agenda Items for next meeting:

Approved

Chair_____

Secretary_____