

**KINGS TRANSIT AUTHORITY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 10, 2009**

The regular board meeting of Kings Transit Authority was held on the above date at 4:30 p.m. at the Town of Kentville council chambers.

PRESENT

Chairman Mark Pearl, Kentville
Vice Chairman Bill Zimmerman, Wolfville

Councilors
Anna Morton, Berwick
Chris Parker, Kings County
Basil Hall, Kings County
Janet Newton, Kings County
Randy Matheson West Hants Representative
Ron Trimper Annapolis Representative
Randall Amero Digby County Representative
Liz Galbraith Town of Windsor Representative

Manager Ron Mullins,
Operations Manager Dave Burleton
Recording Secretary Darlene Brownell
CAO's Bob Ashley, Keith Robicheau

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

With there being one new item added to the agenda, motion approved.

10B Funding for Feasibility Study

ON MOTION OF VICE PRESIDENT ZIMMERMAN AND COUNCILOR HALL
THE MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA WAS ACCEPTED AS
PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Parker asked to clarify that the County asked for a 30 day waiting period to look at different options for a new garage/office facility.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR HALL AND VICE PRESIDENT ZIMMERMAN THE MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 20, 2009 WERE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED

FINANCIALS/RIDERSHIP/REVENUE REPORTS

It was noted that Ridership in the Core of Kings Transit has decreased and is attributed to the elimination of the transfer point, fare increases, fuel price decreases, etc. It was agreed that the fare prices are at the highest it can possible go without affecting the ridership of Kings Transit.

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

Garage Facility – Manager Mullins noted that we were still waiting on the final traffic study from the County of Kings and the Town of Kentville.

GPS Project – Manager Mullins is looking for approval from the board to move forward with the GPS project.

Michelin – Ridership is struggling and Manager Mullins continues to look for ways to improve ridership.

Safety Committee – Vice Chairman Zimmerman requests that the board receive a summary from the committee with an update each month.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILOR NEWTON AND VICE PRESIDENT ZIMMERMAN THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT WAS ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED

STRATEGIC PLAN

The board asked that the plan specify and define the difference between short term and long term plans.

Councilor Parker looked for clarification that the Strategic Plan does not hold to its content and that any and all content in the plan is subject to be reviewed.

Councilor Hall motioned that an Implementation on subject to approval of budget be moved.

A change on page 9, 1st paragraph to be changed to “obtain a facility”.

Bio- Fuel to be changed to a medium to long term plan.

Councilor Parker asked that on Page 26 the highway hopper plan be removed from the plan but was agreed to leave this item in the plan.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILORS HALL AND PARKER THE ORIGINAL MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF STRATEGIC PLAN CHANGES WERE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED

GARAGE FACILITY

It was agreed that the board wait for the Traffic Study and the cost report from CBCL for the garage.

Next Meeting

BUDGET

The board agreed it was not feasible to present a zero increase to the municipal units for their contribution and asked the manager to come back with a 5% increase to the municipal units that was more realistic.

The manager was asked to bring this back to the next meeting.

ON MOTION OF COUNCILORS HALL AND PARKER THE MOTION FOR APPROVAL TO PRESENT THE BUDGET AT THE NEXT MEETING WAS ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING DATE

Next board meeting to be April 14, 2009 at 4:00 pm. and held at Town of Kentville Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:30 PM.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY