

ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ATAC)

Wednesday, March 6, 2018 10:00PM–12:00PM

BC TRANSIT BOARDROOM, VICTORIA

Attendance

Members:	Chris Marks (Vice Chair), Donald Monsour (Chair), Lorraine Collett, Jan Robertson, Suzan Jennings, John Erskine, John DeMarco, and Riga Godron
Regrets:	Miles Motture, Mairi Chester Mohan Kang, Susan Gallagher
Supplemental Members:	Kathleen Chiasson, Terri Beaton Guest: Phil Hoen
BC Transit Staff:	Dave Guthrie, Dallas Perry, Susan Sowden, VRTC Chair Susan Brice Recorder: Tiffany Rivers

	Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am
	Welcome & Introductions from the Chair Donald Monsour welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made around the table.
1.	Approval of the Agenda Motion for Approval by Chris Marks and seconded by Suzan Jennings Agenda approved
2.	Reviewed the Minutes from September 13, 2017 Meeting Moved by Suzan Jennings Phil Hoen noted that in item number 8 to change the word from partner to friend. Moved by Donald Monsour , seconded by Lorraine Collette Approved
3.	Dave Guthrie - Reviewed Charter
4.	BC Transit Update Dave Guthrie stated that VRTC approved an increase in funding that will improve frequency on some routes and add approximately four more buses on the road starting in September 2018. He explained changes to route names such as 61x will now be route 65. This will add clarity in the Westshore and Sooke areas. Bus riding capacity will also improve through adding more Double Deckers to the road in September 2018. Organize an ATAC Tour through T-Comm A discussion occurred where it was recommended that ATAC take a tour of TComm in order to better understand how routes and services are dispatched. John Erskine – Asked about an explanation around how funding for transit occurs.

	<p>Susan Brice explained that BC Transit receives funds from Gas Tax, Property tax, and Fare box revenue.</p> <p>BC Transit Planning is working on rapid transit corridors. They perform like a transportation spine or main line that connects areas like Uptown Centre to Pat Bay Highway and the Ferries, Trans-Canada Highway to Six Mile and Langford Exchange.</p> <p>Suzan Jennings stated that adding more Double Deckers to the fleet, BC Transit and ATAC should review the current layout. She noted that it makes it hard for turning a wheel chair while boarding the bus. The current Low Floors are easier to maneuver. If BC Transit considers new Double Deckers, can BC Transit include ATAC's input when looking at new designs?</p> <p>David Guthrie stated that BC Transit can set up travel training and send a Double Decker bus with a trainer to enable riders is wheelchairs / scooters to practice. This can be done outside of regular service and enables the rider to practice without being watched.</p>
5.	<p>Customer Service Report</p> <p>Tiffany Rivers presented the customer service report experience from November 18, 2017 through February 25, 2018.</p>
6.	<p>Sub Committee – handyDART fare/Taxi Saver</p> <p>A sub committee was formed to look at questions around handyDART and Taxi Saver costs. A review of the service day footprint was also asked about. A recommendation will then be sent to the VRTC for their consideration.</p> <p>Sub Committee members are: Suzan Jennings, Paul MacDonald, Jan Robertson, Riga Godron, David Guthrie, John DeMarco, Donald Monsour. Closed to Committee Members only</p> <p>Tiffany will put together a working group email contact list.</p>
7.	<p>Phil Hoen suggested handyDART review the ridership from 11pm – 12am on weekends and change those hours to extend service from 10pm to 11pm on two other weekdays.</p> <p>Paul MacDonald noted that he will look into this.</p>
8.	<p>David Guthrie explained changes to routes. The Route 61x will have some changes through the new WestHills exchange and be renamed as the Route 65</p> <p>Question rose about community input regarding service changes. David explained that BC Transit held open house's in the communities to gather information prior to making changes.</p> <p>Tiffany stated that she will forward any additional open house meetings on to the ATAC Committee.</p>
	<p>Next ATAC Meeting May 29, 2018 in the BC Transit Boardroom at 520 Gorge Rd. East</p> <p>Meeting adjourned 11:57 am moved Chris Marks by and seconded by Suzan Jennings</p>

