

**KINGS TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
July 17, 2008**

The regular board meeting of Kings Transit Authority was held on the above date at 3:00 p.m. at the Acadia Room, Irving Building, Acadia University.

**PRESENT**

Chairman Barry Peterson, Vice Chairman Bill Zimmerman and Councilors Mark Pearl, Janet Newton, Diana Brothers and Don Clarke for Anna Morton, Councillor Randall Amero, Digby Representative, Councilor Randy Matheson West Hants Representative, Manager Ron Mullins and Operations Manager Dave Burleton.

**ABSENT**

Anna Morton  
Diana Brothers

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

With there being no new items added to the agenda, the agenda was approved.

ON MOTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN ZIMMERMAN AND COUNCILOR PEARL THE MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA WAS ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED. **MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

ON MOTION OF COUNCILORS PEARL AND ZIMMERMAN MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR June 17, 2008 WAS ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED. **MOTION CARRIED**

**YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT-MARCH 31, 2008**

Manager Mullins presented the audited year financial statements noting the deficit was higher at \$125,000 for KTA's core. On a consolidated basis our overall deficit was \$29,000 which includes our service partners. The previous year's results were restated due to the payable/receivables belong to Annapolis and Digby Counties. The board members discussed the year end balances asking if money was owed to our service partners if that would show up as a payable. The general manager stated that we had invoiced our partners the

projected deficit and will have to bill them the balance. It was also noted that last year's deficit (March 31, 2007) was not yet invoiced to the partners.

The board members discussed the three bank reserves and noted these funds were not available for operations even on a temporary basis. Vice Chairman Zimmerman asked if there was any extension of the Federal Transit Funds and manager Mullins stated there is not.

Manager Mullins stated we had not booked any repair reserve expense this year which would have increased our deficit and pointed out that the current reserve will be brought into this year's operations as revenue.

ON MOTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN ZIMMERMAN AND COUNCILOR NEWTON MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF THE AUDITED YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR MARCH 31, 2008 WERE ACCEPTED NOTING THAT THE AUDITOR'S NAME HAD TO BE.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **NEW TIME SCHEDULES-EFFECTIVE JULY 2, 2008**

#### **New Schedules**

Manager Mullins showed the new schedules for Hants County, Wolfville to Kentville Industrial Park and Greenwood to Kentville Industrial Park, which are much easier to read than the previous ones. We hope to have the others done in the near future.

#### **Tideways Senior Citizens complex-Wolfville**

We've received a number of complaints from the citizens of Tideways who feel we have forgotten them as evidenced by the letters attached to our board package. Given our increased ridership we were falling behind on our Greenwood to Kentville run and had to change our schedules. We now transfer at the industrial park with the Wolfville/Kentville bus and now serve Tideways with the Hants County Service which is every two hours versus the hourly service we've had previously.

Vice Chairman Zimmerman asked if the Greenwood and Wolfville Routes could be combined into one longer run, saving us time used with transfers and looking to get back into Tideways. Operations Manager Burleton couldn't see any downside to this idea. It was agreed that this be reviewed as a possible solution to freeing up some time. It was noted that the new transfer location at the industrial park is not an ideal one.

#### **Fare Increase**

Manager Mullins has submitted the fare increase to the PUB but had changed the child cash fare (\$1.50 to \$1.90) to match the sheets of 10 tickets where it was more expensive to buy the sheets (no incentive to buy them). The board disagreed with this and directed the manager to amend the application to what was originally agreed upon (\$1.50 to \$1.75 cash fare) per the last board meeting.

Councillor Matheson questioned the use of Zone fares and if it would be more reasonable to charge less for shorter distances. Vice Chairman Zimmerman commented on the complexity of zone fares and whether it was worth it. We would need to find out where people are transferring to determine if zone fares were feasible. It was noted that this information could be obtained through rider surveys.

### **SELECTION OF NEW BOARD CHAIR**

Chair Peterson stepped down as chair and opened the floor to nominations.

Councillor Newton nominated Councillor Pearl as the new board chair. Councillor Peterson called for further nominations three (3) times.

Hearing no further nominations, Councillor Mark Pearl was elected as the new board chair.

### **SPECIALITY CHARTER APPLICATION**

Manager Mullins indicated that Kings Transit is getting asked to provide specialty services to conferences and events being held in our service area and asked the board if they would entertain a specialty charter license. The board members debated this and thought it best not to pursue this license given its not in our mandate. Any changes would have to be looked at within our existing transit service mandate such as providing quicker service, identifying key areas that need to be served.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Next board meeting to be September 16, 2008 at 4:30 pm. and held at Town of Kentville Chambers.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:45 PM.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**SECRETARY**