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Coming to you live from Transit headquarters on Watson Road for this month's Transit Advisory Committee meeting. The agenda:



MEETING PREVIEW: Transit Advisory Committee Meeting for June 20, ...

We get a change of venue at this month's Transit Advisory Committee meeting. Coming to you live from the newly renovating meeting room at Transit's head office on Watson Road, the commi...

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First up, Update - Preset Audio Message Chime Introduction. Laura Catalano-Bragues, Supervisor, Scheduling and Service Planning - Transit, will speak to this item.

Staff last brought the new special announcement chime to the committee for discussion back in April, but before TAC got this update the Accessibility Advisory Committee got another crack at the bat at their own June meeting.

The AAC approved an adjusted version at their meeting:

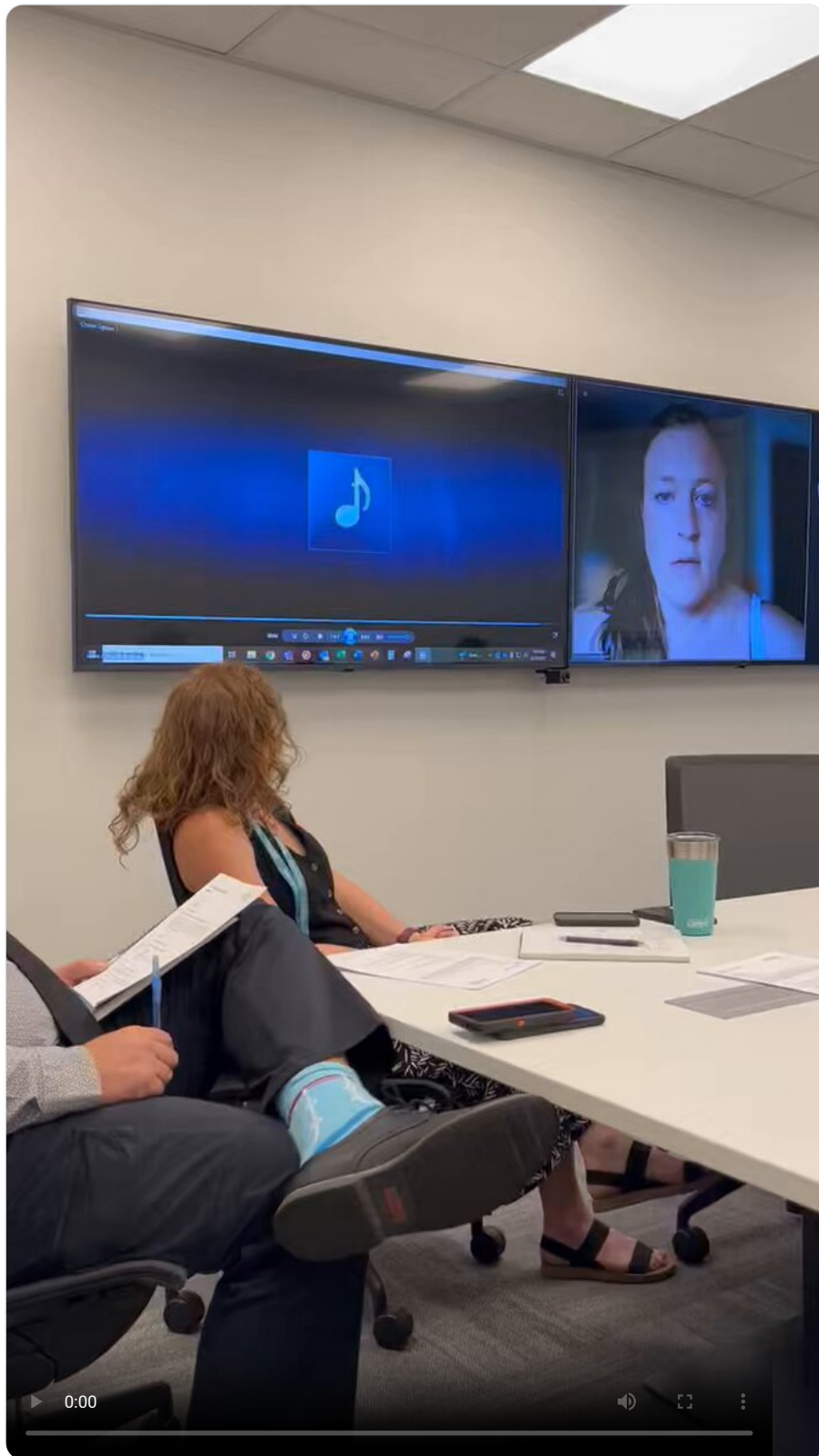


RECAP: The AAC Chooses a Chime and Finds Common Ground on Int...

The Accessibility Advisory Committee spent a great deal of their June meeting talking about what they mean when it comes to intersectionality, and how best City of Guelph staff can monitor that. To...

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You can listen to it for yourself here.



You may hear this on vehicles by the beginning of fall in September, but it might be earlier or later depending on how it's rolled out.

Motion to approve the new tone and receive the report approved.

No member feedback, so we're going to talk about the Transit update.

Transit GM Gerus begins saying they finished the three phases of renovations at the Transit office including this new conference room which used to be a control room, which is now in a new location. Last phase was revamping the reception area and you will notice when you come by.

Gerus announces that Laura Catalano-Bragues is not manager of network design and control centre, that means planning, scheduling routes, app, on-demand and mobility, and general workings of the control centre.

Transit operations manager will still look after operators and supervisors with the exception of dispatchers. It's part of a re-organization effort at Transit, and make sure there's a good employee to manager ratio.

Gerus says that we will see some changes as they have more applications and tools at their fingertips. As for shelters, there will be some additional benches coming to Guelph Central Station to offer additional seating.

Transit ridership is growing, and they are now at pre-COVID levels and have actually been trending higher. Fewer complaints now, so Gerus takes that to mean they're accomplishing good things.

On time performance is off because of construction and diversions, normally around 79-80 per cent but there's some summer drag. Michael Van Kooy in charge of fleet electrification says that 11 EV buses are now in the building and testing continues.

Looking at different ways and places to charge, and are also looking at the new EV buses to stay on top of new developments in the industry. There are 4 or 5 EVs per day on the roads in Guelph.

Van Kooy says they got good reviews for the EV buses while they were being used for the Beer Bus tour last weekend. A lot of those people were from out of town and they got a lot of praise. Reliability has been good too.

Carey asks if Transit is doing Hillside. They are. Will they be using the EVs? They will.

Catalano-Bragues adds that year-over-year they're 21 per cent higher in ridership in 2023. The changes to the route #5 has created 80% higher ridership on that one route. About 3,000 more rides on #5 this past week versus same week last year.

In other news, Transit has been given clearance to move forward with on-demand expansion to early morning and last Sunday service starting this fall (Sept). Gerus says that this shows there's some faith in the transit team and their plan at the exec level at city hall.

Catalano-Bragues says there are lots of pieces, every post will have to be updated, operators have to get organized, Transit depts are meeting once a week to keep their ducks in a row.

Gerus adds that they hope Sunday on-demand will catch on which means turning it into conventional Sunday service. That will also be a challenge to implement, but they're banking on success with expanded Sunday service.

Motion to receive the report approved.

That's a wrap for the formal meeting, but those us here will do a tour of the new renovations.
That's a wrap for the live tweets through.



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