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Coming up at 5:30 pm, it's this month's Transit Advisory Committee meeting. This is what's coming up on that agenda:



MEETING PREVIEW: Transit Advisory Committee Meeting for October ...

This month's Transit Advisory Committee Meeting will be on the light side, but there might be some interesting developments that might come up in the realm of member feedback or general trans...

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We're waiting for the chair to arrive and then we will start the meeting.

Vice-Chair Frank Holden just told the room that he's been diagnosed with stage 3 cancer, which means he will have to take his leave of the committee. I wish Frank the best in spite of the situation, he's always been a passionate member of this committee.

Chair Carey calls the meeting to order.

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Minutes from last meeting approved.

First item: CNIB and PAL Card Holders Potentially Transitioning Over to the OYW Farecard: Feedback Requested. We just reviewed this item at the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Courtney McDonald, Manager of Transit Business Services, hits some of the same highlights: people will not be forced to transition to the OYW card, renewal every 5 years to keep info up-to-date, bit of an education campaign needed.

Member Edwards asks if there's any plan to work with service providers to get infrequent program users. McDonald says they've already connected to CNIB, and since PAL is a City program, they've already done that outreach.

Edwards asks about the system that links OYW to Presto, is there some education needed there. McDonald says they're launching travel training in early 2025, but they have crossed all ts on that yet, but this can be incorporated.

Carey asks about other transit services. McDonald says some other transit systems have just finished or are undertaking the same transition, GRT just finished. The big piece of this is having people's info to update them about route changes, and or counting riders for gas tax.

No TAC Members' Feedback, so on to the General Transit Update. GM Gerus says that ridership is holding and construction on the parking lot at Transit is still ongoing creating 65 new spots. This work will continue till the new year.

The 11 current EVs ready daily, still being tested on all routes. The Cdn Urban Transit Association conference is next month and Gerus will be conferring with colleagues about electrification. State of that business is changing constantly. It's in Toronto this year FYI

Bike racks on the bus! They're putting demo bike rack at Guelph Central Station and it should be in place in the next week or so. Anyone can take their bike down and give it a whirl.

Gerus says they're going into the fourth quarter budget, and are looking to next year's budget (which was published today). Contract negotiations are continuing, and they're hoping that they will reach a good conclusion there.

Carey adds that it's never too early to ask your councillor to properly fund Transit. She knows that every time she hears a complaint, it can be fixed with more money.

Edwards asks about an e-bike policy. Gerus says they're not allowed on buses right now, but he's going to talk to industry folks about it at the conference because this is becoming more and more of an issue.

Where will the bike rack demo be? Directly across the road from the old Co-Operators near bay #18. The artwork was being installed today and they will start doing social promotion shortly.

Another note, TAC should have gotten an email about changes coming to the ACOCs per the review by the clerks office and they will be here at the November meeting to lay it out.



No announcements, so meeting adjourned!



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