

OurWinnipeg Community Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Date: April 5, 2019

Location: Millennium Library

Attendees: 9 members

Transit Master Plan Consultation

Hilary Friesen and Bob Kurylko, consultants from the 25 year Transit Master Plan, provided an overview of their objectives and scope for the plan, timelines, and public engagement plan. In their analysis, they are considering the six proposed OurWinnipeg goals based on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The consultants asked committee members to contribute linkages, topics or issues that have been explored through the OurWinnipeg review that may benefit the Transit Master Plan. Committee members agreed to provide ongoing feedback to the Transit Master Plan team such as gap identification for stakeholder lists. More information can be found at <https://winnipegtransit.com/en/major-projects/transit-master-plan>.

The following feedback was shared:

- Downtown is a critical hub for transit and should be represented in Phase 1 public engagement pop-up/open house locations. Some locations were too far from the bus stop for people with accessibility needs.
- Members suggested that transit operators should be consulted.
- Members described how it would be useful to intentionally seek out feedback from specific population groups - new parents; seniors; students; newcomers; Indigenous Peoples; people with disabilities - through Winnipeg's existing community based organizations and networks.
- A member highlighted that multiple transportation modes and users (e.g. pedestrians, cycling, driving) should be considered regarding trip chains.
- Members reinforced that transit options in the built environment can either help (e.g. transit-oriented development) or hinder (e.g. sprawl, transit) development.
- A member would like to see decision-making clarity on ridership vs. coverage needs
- Members informed the consultants on existing resources to link to include a Green Action Centre, University of Manitoba commuting survey, youth engagement on transit at Art City and health, social equity, and transit use data.
- The committee was informed that a new origin and destination survey is planned for the Transit Master Plan, electric buses will be explored
- A member would like to see how the Complete Communities growth scenarios will influence or be influenced by the growth scenarios.
- A member would like to see data collected on who isn't taking transit and why they don't take it. Also if transit riders use practices change right before or after express busses are scheduled.
- A member requested that a gender and equity lens be applied related to route, timing and stops.

OurWinnipeg

Brett Shenback and Gary Holmes provided updates on the OurWinnipeg and Complete Communities review. The OurWinnipeg team proposed a number of objectives organized under the six amalgamated United Nations Sustainable Development Goals for feedback.

The following discussion occurred.

- Proposed Objectives
 - Members reinforced that objective language needs to be stronger in some instances, for example, advance is weaker than prioritize.
 - A member highlighted that cultural development could have more prominent visibility in the objectives.
 - Regarding the Environmental Resilience objectives, a member asked about the City's interdepartmental Climate Change Action Plan and OurWinnipeg working group membership alignment. About fifty percent of members overlap so the potential for alignment of objectives and implementation is there, which was thought to be positive.
 - A member suggested the need to connect the objectives to the role or service area
 - A member shared that the objectives are still blue sky and need indicators to know if we are on the right track to achievement of them. Data collection and expertise in analyzing the numbers as they relate to the subject matter is also important.
 - A member wanted to know how the objectives and policy will influence by-laws going forward as that is where the bottleneck is likely to occur for implementation. The alignment and review of the by-laws based on new policy will need to be completed.
 - Another member asked if there will be a budget for implementation. Advocacy at the political level would be useful internally and externally to value planning and appropriately resource it.
 - A member mentioned that we don't have an infill policy and need one but the current budget for the project is not enough to properly implement. This makes for a challenging and uncertain development process. Meeting code requirements in secondary suites is expensive so it is happening informally. There needs to be some support for neighbourhood main streets related to code equivalency.
- Committee members requested a presentation on Complete Communities at the next meeting.

Stakeholder Engagement Event

- Preliminary plans for a key stakeholder consultation event were shared and suggestions of local leaders were requested. The intention is to highlight the synergies between the goal areas, present the objectives, and discuss ideas for innovative action that will support a priority action plans once OurWinnipeg is adopted.
- A member suggested that representation from youth under 21 years of age is important as they will be most impacted by a 25 year plan.