### BOW VALLEY REGIONAL TRANSIT SERVICES COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

# BVRTSC CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE – IAN MACKIE BOARD ROOM (221 BEAVER ST. BANFF)

# MINUTES March 11, 2015: 2:00pm – 4:00pm

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sean Krausert, Town of Canmore – Chair Davina Bernard, ID#9 Grant Canning, Town of Banff Dave Schebek, ID #9 Stavros Karlos, Town of Banff – Vice Chair Joanna McCallum, Town of Canmore

#### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

#### **BOARD ADMINISTRATION PRESENT**

Steve Nelson, Acting GM, Manager of Operations / Meeting Recorder

#### **ADMINISTRATION PRESENT**

Adrian Field, Manager of Engineering, Town of Banff Jacob Johnson, Acting Manager of Engineering, Town of Canmore Alex Kolesch, Parks Canada Ethan Gorner, ID#9

#### **ADMINISTRATION ABSENT**

1. Call to Order

Sean Krausert calls the meeting to order at 2:04 PM

2. Sean Krausert moves to approve the meeting agenda moves approval of the agenda

**BVRTSC15-015** Sean Krausert moves approval of the agenda as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

3. Approval of the February 11, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes (attached)

**BVRTSC15-016** Sean Krausert moves approval of the February 11, 2015 regular meeting minutes as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

- 4. Old Business (including Standing Items)
  - a. General Manager/CAO's Monthly Report 2014 (verbal)

Administration asked whether there is desire to continue or even expand free service at Tunnel Mountain Campground from July to September. Board suggested that a report come back to the Commission in April with details re impact of free transit at the campground in June 2014.

- b. Bring Forward List of Pending Items (attached)
- c. Transit Service Monthly Statistics (attached)

Chair asked if all the statistics are helpful. The Commission agreed that all of the 2013 statistics could be kept the charts but remove the 2013 tables. On an editorial note, adjustments need to be made re new 2015 stats... adjust the Banff Local Ridership Running Total difference, budget 2015 column update, change headings to 2014-2015 for running total comparisons.

d. HarGroup revised proposal regarding increased regional service motion BVRTSC14-129

**BVRTSC15-017** Stavros Karlos moves to direct BVRTSC Administration to proceed with HarGroup proposal, and funded by a 50/50 cost split between Canmore and Banff.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

Discussion – As this relates to the Canmore-Banff Regional Service, Banff's \$3,000 contribution could come from Banff's reserve while Canmore Administration advised that Canmore's contribution of \$3,000 is available from one of Canmore's approved budget lines.

**BVRTSC15-018** Stavros Karlos moves to double the frequency of the regional transit service starting June through to September long weekend.

DEFEATED (Stavros Karlos in Support)

e. Bunt Engineering Study re. Lake Louise Service update (for discussion).

Discussion – Communication continues between Parks Canada and BVRTSC re supporting statistics and so the report will be completed soon; and Parks Canada continues in communication with ID #9.

- 5. New Business
  - a. Report 2015-02 Recommended Ridership Per Hour Targets

**BVRTSC15-019** Sean Krausert moves to accept as information the ridership per hour targets as recommended by Administration and directs Administration to report against these quarterly.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

b. Report 2015-03 Recommended Costs Per Hour Targets

**BVRTSC15-020** Sean Krausert moves to accept as information the costs per service hour targets as recommended by Administration and directs Administration to report against these quarterly.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

c. Report 2015-04 Expansion of Adjusted Summer Schedule.

**BVRTSC15-021** Sean Krausert moves to approve the expansion of the Adjusted Summer Schedule for Route 1 Banff Local Service to 7 days a week between June 1<sup>st</sup> and Labour Day weekend, and extend the hours of the adjusted schedule until 8:10pm.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

NOTE – The Board recognizes an altered schedule strategy is a short-term mitigation measure in response to traffic overload/congestion and not a long term strategy.

d. Report 2015-05 Route 3 Drop Off Only Inbound Banff

**BVRTSC15-022** Sean Krausert moves to approve the modification of stop #111/03 from a full service pickup/drop off transit stop, to a drop off only transit stop to improve schedule adherence for Route 3.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

e. Report 2015-06 Regional Bike Rack Installation

**BVRTSC15-023** Sean Krausert moves that administration investigate an alternate system to secure bikes on the bus that allows the aisle to remain free.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

f. GM/CAO Recruitment Update

The Commission is hoping to make an offer to a qualified candidate soon.

g. Sulphur Mountain Route - Summer Frequency

**BVRTSC15-024** Sean Krausert moves to approve the concept of doubling the frequency of Route 1 from June 27<sup>th</sup> thru to the September long weekend, and directs BVRTSC Administration to provide the cost and related information to Banff Council in order to consider this increased service.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BVRTSC15-025** Stavros Karlos moves that the BVRTSC encourages Town of Banff Council to consider a communication strategy to maximize effectiveness of a change in schedule.

### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**BVRTSC15-026** Sean Krausert moves to adjourn the meeting at 4:19 PM.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

Sean Krausert

Commission Chair