

SAUGEEN MOBILITY

and REGIONAL TRANSIT

GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 11, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Boardroom, 603 Bruce Rd 19, Walkerton, ON & via Zoom

Board Members Present: Ed McGugan, Councillor, Huron-Kinloss, Chair
Doug Townsend, Councillor, West Grey, Vice Chair
Warren Dickert, Deputy Mayor, Hanover, Past Chair
Cheryl Grace, Councillor, Saugeen Shores
John Divinski, Councillor, Saugeen Shores
Kym Hutcheon, Deputy Mayor, Brockton
Scott Mackey, Mayor, Chatsworth
Mike Hinchberger, Councillor, Kincardine (via Zoom)

Others Present: Stephan Labelle, SMART Manager

Absent members: Joel Loughhead, Councillor, Grey Highlands
Jennifer Shaw, Deputy Mayor, Arran-Elderslie
Monica Singh-Soares, Councillor, Southgate

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None declared.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Motion Moved by Cheryl Grace; Seconded by Kym Hutcheon
That the agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting – November 15, 2024

Motion Moved by Warren Dickert; Seconded by Doug Townsend
That the minutes from November 15, 2024 be accepted as circulated.

Carried

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting – November 22, 2024

Motion Moved by Scott Mackey; Seconded by Cheryl Grace
That the minutes from November 22, 2024 be accepted as circulated.

Carried

6. Delegation – none

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

A. Chatsworth Pilot Project

The Chair mentioned that the report on the Chatsworth Project was in the meeting package and invited any questions. Scott Mackey said that he had not heard of any complaints related to the fee increase related to this pilot project. He added that some of the reduction in clients may be related to the closure of the Long-Term Care Home in Chatsworth. Kym Hutcheon asked about expanding this pilot project to other municipalities. The Manager responded that he would present options to the municipalities within the next two months.

Motion Moved by Warren Dickert; Seconded by Mike Hinchberger

That information related to the Chatsworth Pilot Project be received for information.

Carried

8. **Correspondence - none**

9. **New Business**

A. **Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) meeting Kincardine**

The Chair explained that he had met with the AAC, where the committee inquired about Saugeen Mobility's new proposal for an accessible van and driver. He noted that the Kincardine Deputy Mayor clarified the appropriate procedure for handling correspondence, emphasizing that it is standard practice for the Council to receive such communications. Currently, the proposal is under review by the Kincardine Council.

10. **Reports and Recommendations**

A. **Report on November 2024 operations**

The Manager discussed the report, and Kym Hutcheon noted that, while there has been a decrease in rides, it will be important to monitor future reports to determine whether this decline develops into a consistent trend.

Motion Moved by Cheryl Grace; Seconded by Doug Townsend

That the Report on November 2024 Operations be accepted as presented.

Carried

11. **Adjournment & Upcoming Meeting Dates**

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Friday, January 17, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

Motion Moved by Mike Hinchberger; Seconded by Warren Dickert

That the Board of Directors of SMART adjourn at 10:36 a.m.

Carried



Ed McGugan, Chair



Stephan Labelle, Recording Secretary