

Spring 2009 Newsletter

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1. The 2009 Seniors Picnic Annual Transit Service

Free annual transit service to seniors on the full transit system, Wednesday July 8, 2008 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The (4) Conventional Transit Routes will take seniors' to/from the transfer point. A maximum of (1) additional Paratransit Bus taking advance reservations from registered Paratransit clients AND taking any riders from the transfer point (upon request) to Pinafore Park.

2. 2009/2010 Holiday Schedule (Transit Service Not Running)

Please note that effective May 19, 2009 Full St. Thomas Transit Service will be available annually on the August Civic Holiday (e.g. August 3rd, 2009) and there will be no service annually on Family Day.

- Wed. July 1st, Canada Day,
 - Mon. Sept. 7th, Labour Day,
 - Mon. Oct. 12th, Thanksgiving Day,
 - Fri. Dec. 25th, Christmas Day,
 - Fri. Jan. 1, 2010, New Years Day,
 - 2010 Good Friday,
 - 2010 Family Day,
 - 2010 Victoria Day.
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3. What we're working on for you!

a) 2009 New bus stop signs

In 2008 the new bus stop sign concept was introduced on Route 5a – Express Commercial. In 2009 the funding is in place to convert all bus stop signs to this new two-part design.



b) 2009 Planned shelter locations

Funding is in place for up to (6) additional transit shelter locations. Two at the Smart Centre/WalMart on future route revision on route 5a, one is at Parkview School and three locations yet to be determined for 2009/2010 implementation.

c) Future planned route revisions

There is a possible Route 1 revision that will substitute the service from the Cottonwood/Riverbank area with service to the Pine Valley/Greenway area. We are exploring this possibility that hinges on the assumption of the subdivision. Another modification may include a revision to the industrial area loop.

A route 5a revision will occur once the WalMart expansion is complete. Route 5a will stop twice at the driveway between WalMart and the strip mall building (more information to follow).

d) Review Bus Stop Accessibility

We will be reviewing all bus stops in the system and recommending future accommodation issues which may include ramps, pads and shelters. There is limited funding assigned to this initiative in 2009. Additional funding would need to be approved by Council.

e) Retrofit Conventional buses with Automated Stop Announce and Display system

We are currently manually calling out all bus stops on all five transit routes. We will be exploring the actual cost to provide an Automated Stop Announce and Display system to all Conventional Transit Buses that complies with the Transportation standard. Some funding has been dedicated to this initiative in 2009. Further information will be provided in future newsletters.

f) 2009 Transit Operational Review Committee – Request for Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers from the ridership to be part of the above committee and contribute to the Committee objectives.

The objectives:

Review Asset Management Plan Progress to date, develop a 5 year plan for Ridership Growth and approve content for a report to Council.

The date/time/location:

September 9th, 23rd & 30th 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Timken Community Centre – Doug Tarry Multi-purpose room.

To Volunteer:

Please contact Dave White @ 519-631-0368 ext. 32.



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