

Present: Mike Zbarsky, Darcy Walters, Patti Matthews, and John Higginbotham. Lisa, Judy Norbury, Marg Misener

Regrets: Heather Crites, Heather Thomson

The agenda was approved. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Old Business:

- ⤴ Meeting with Don McCrea - updates to the building code and accessibility may happen in 2014. There was a discussion re affordable housing. As a supplement to handi-dart Don will look into the licensing requirements of taxis around accessible vehicles. Don will look into Accessibility Committees and accessibility plans - using the Ontario model
- ⤴ Patients As Partners - Patient Voices network - no one able to attend the meeting on Feb.15.
- ⤴ Glow As You Go - it was very successful, over 30 lights and or reflectors were given out to individuals with scooters and wheelchairs as well as bike riders. Letter of appreciation to be sent to the coalition.

New Business:

- ⤴ Guest: Mike Zbarsky, CVRD manager of transit: The distance from the bus hub will be no more than 150 m. from the hospital, 200m. from the pool and even further from the college. The transit would like to see a special lane just for buses by the hospital.
- ⤴ There was concern re newspaper article & the poor choice of words re Handi-dart assessment for new riders. Only new applicants are screened and there is an appeal process to a tribunal of which Judy Norbury and Heather Thomson are members! A letter to be sent to the paper re poor wording and ambiguous wording.
- ⤴ The funding has been cut for transit by the regional district but it will not affect the system as they will use up part of their reserve. Their sources of funding are: fares, advertising, property taxes, and prov. government pays half the cost.
- ⤴ Patti Matthews reported that she has spoken to Brian Cullen of VI Disabled Skiing re 2 weeks in summer to try out a trail rider with their help.

Next meeting is April 8, 2014, Lewis Centre, Meeting Room.