

WOODSTOCK TRANSIT

MEETING WITH COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2014 6:30 – 8:00pm, Community Complex

NOTES FROM MEETING

In Attendance: Dean (Agropur), Brenda (Cressant Care), Guy (Southgate), Ezio (Vuteq), Kelly (BIA), Nelia (Oxford Gardens Retirement), Chris Frieson (Woodstock Collegiate), Robert (?), ??(+ St. Marys High School)

Others: Harold De Haan, Chris Prentice

- CP reviewed Agenda, described study objectives and timeline
- CP asked attendees about transit issues and perceptions/priorities
- Dean:
 - o demographics of his plant – older workers. 24/7 operation. Shifts – 7-3, 3-11, 11-7
 - o 200 regular + 40 seasonal workers, typical wage – \$21/22/hour
 - o 50/50 split living in/out of Woodstock
 - o Plant is at the end of a long lane so difficult to serve by transit
- Brenda (Cressant Care) – some workers use transit. She would like Transit info re schedules, stop locations.
 - o Geriatric care facility so not readily usable by clients although some use paratransit
- Guy – has 800 members. Most are 50+. Hours are 7:30am to 9:30pm. Majority live in Woodstock
- Brenda – never taken transit. People need help to understand how to use transit
- Chris – agrees, students need instruction. Not “cool” to take transit. Need evening service because students have jobs or after school activities so finishing at 6pm limits usefulness of transit
- ?? (St. Marys) – agrees. Need to orient students. Would be good to have transit visit, give instructions. Also, would like map, schedules, fare info about transit (Harold to arrange)
- Ezio (Vuteq):
 - o 800 members. 3 shifts. Did survey. 4 use transit.
 - o Same issue as others – lack of awareness. Some people feel it takes an hour to get to work (discussion explained takes up to half an hour)
- Kelly (BIA):

- new terminal caused loss of business for some shops at Dundas/Wellington but does recognize reason for move
 - Wonders about stops in downtown area. Some removed. Need them put back in (Harold explained reason for removal but would review)
 - Wants to have special bus go to Market on Thursday
- ?? (St. Marys) – asked about a semester pass and reduced fare for students (ie. \$40). (CP - Will consider)
 - Suggestion – Should include Transit Users in next meeting. Harold to identify possible Users to include

Next Meeting – after feedback from on-line survey is received and analyzed. Target June 15th for next meeting (possibly June 16 or 17th)

Meeting ended at 8:15pm.