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New Yorkton Transit Launched Today

The City of Yorkton launched its new updated transit service today with a new look, new fixed routes and new 12 passenger transit vans.

“Our existing buses are nearing the end of their service life, and following meetings with user groups our Transit committee decided it was time to revamp service along with the purchase of two new 12 passenger transit vans,” said Mayor Bob Maloney. “Our new Yorkton Transit will streamline service to residents by replacing the old dial-a-bus service with fixed routes and schedules,” he said.

The new fixed route includes two – 30 minute loops, with stops more strategically placed using data from users. Best Practices indicate distances of 400 metres between stops, so some former stops will be eliminated. Old shelters have been removed and new shelters will be placed at high traffic locations and areas impacted by weather etc. The two old buses will be retained as spares.

“The new service is slated to start February 1st once the new transit vans are readied for service,” said the Mayor. “To contain costs fares were increased by fifty cents per ride January 1 (the first increase since 2011) but a new seniors discount is available when purchasing a monthly pass. To introduce the new fixed routes for Yorkton Transit, residents can ride for free for the month of February,” he said.

Transit Committee members include Ken Wiens and John Denysek from SaskAbilities, Andrew Sedley from SIGN (The Society for the Involvement of Good Neighbors), Darcy McLeod, Lisa Washington, Rene Richard and Ashley Stradeski from the City of Yorkton.

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