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Subject: 6.3.6 - Communication - Bobbi Oldridge - Overcapacity of Buses - CK 7300-0

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I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

I do not want my comments placed on a public agenda. They will be shared with members of Council through their online repository.: No

I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.: No

Date: Thursday, August 29, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Bobbi

Last Name: Oldridge

Phone Number : [306](tel:306) [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Victor Pl

Ward: Ward 7

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

Comments:

I have a Grade 11 student at Holy Cross who accesses the [REDACTED] am City bus (route [REDACTED]) from Stonebridge to get to school.

Last year in September, she was left at the stop by Tim Horton's on Preston Ave multiple times due to the bus being at capacity. She tried walking further to the stop before and also found the same issue. Sometimes the bus drove

right past these locations without stopping as it was too full to fit any more people. There were many other students who were also left and there was no follow-up bus, so they had to wait for the next scheduled vehicle and ended up being late for class. Therefore, mornings became a pushing match at the bus door as students tried to ensure they had a timely ride to school.

We contacted transit - we were told that our daughter should take an earlier bus. This isn't feasible as it would arrive 45 minutes before class starts and the school asks that the students do not arrive on site this early. We were also told to "wait until October as ridership will decline". This was true, but seems like erroneous reasoning since the ridership decreased when parents simply gave up on transit (having had the same experience) and drove their children to school instead. Transit is designed to decrease road congestion and reduce fossil fuel emissions - therefore this outcome seems very counterproductive.

I am writing to request that this issue be reviewed, as we are expecting the same experience this year. Stonebridge has a large youth population - the bus service to high school is not able to accommodate these numbers (nevermind the general public who are also supposed to have access to the same bus).

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?: No