

BUSAC Report – November 29th, 2011

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TRANSIT & WEST BROCK COMMUTER:

There are many things that have been happening recently with transit and it has been an ongoing process. Niagara Falls Transit and BUSU have come to a tentative agreement, just awaiting the signage of the contract. This will see improvements to a couple areas that are problematic and cause congestion. We hope this improvement for January thru April will be well accepted by the NF students commuting by transit. The system has been long-overdue for an improvement and I'm happy that we have been able to arrange something. I will update further at BUSAC.

Welland transit continues to operate smoothly, and I do not foresee any issues through the rest of this academic year.

St. Catharines Transit Commission and BUSU have begun conversations on a new contract for the 2012/2013 academic year, as our current contract expires at the end of this academic year. We are looking at the potential of additional routes and some improvements to existing routes. The Universal Bus Pass Committee has been actively involved in this process and will continue to be as we move forward.

A change that will be happening with one route starting January 2012, will be with the WEST BROCK COMMUTER (15) route. There will no longer be stops while leaving BROCK between the bottom of the Glenridge hill and the intersection of Glenridge & Glendale. The (15) bus will, however, pick up students along Glenridge, if there is room on the bus, when returning and entering BROCK. This will be a welcomed fix to students living in West St. Catharines, and will not hinder students living on Glenridge as the addition of articulated buses provides ample coverage of this area.

Students are unable to use their U-Pass sticker on the Regional Transit buses, however, the BUSU team is actively working on a solution to this matter.

MID-YEAR REVIEW:

The executive team, our GM, and our Research & Policy Manager are gone away this weekend for our mid-year review. I look forward to coming back to BUSAC with some information and exciting changes we may have while moving forward into the 2nd half of the academic year.

Thanks,

Will Parent ☺