

My name is Evelyn Gay. I am a senior citizen, I have lived in Regina for 50 years and I have been a bus rider for 9 years.

The first thing I want to say is how much I appreciate bus drivers waiting for me to find a seat and sit down before they travel on. Often at the front of the bus you will find a person strapped into a wheel chair, or someone with a walker or a blind person with a dog. Maybe there is a person with a shopping cart, or a child in a pram or a stroller. Recently, I sat beside a man with a large black plastic bag full of pop cans, etc. on his way to the recycling depot.

I would like to see daytime bus service at 20 minute intervals during the week, half hour intervals on Sundays and holidays. I think bus service should be extended to all parts of the city. I ride express buses, if possible. Right now they are numbers 30, 40, 50 and 60. I hope these can be extended to Costco or the airport. When the last bus downtown in the evening is 6:30 p.m. at the Cornwall Centre, you have to search for shelter on holidays and Sundays. Maybe transit, like libraries and parks should be free one day a week.

I would definitely like to see more people using transit to cut down on people texting while driving. Recently the city increased the fees for distracted drivers who text and drive. That is still not enough. If you have a car, drive it and do nothing else until you reach your destination. Better still, ride the bus and you can text as much as you like,

I would hope that transit ridership would Continue to improve. In theory anyone and everyone can ride the bus. However, I often wait for the number 9 bus at Albert Street and 25th Avenue. If I arrive 5 minutes early, I am always amazed at the number of cars and trucks at that intersection with only the driver inside!!!

I would encourage the Mayor and the city Councillors to take the number 8 bus from the Cornwall Centre to the Golden Mile. This bus will travel along Hill Avenue, then turn south onto Pasqua Street to 25th Avenue. There are at least two bus stops on Pasqua where you can step off the bus (in the winter it will be into a pile of snow). Then walk across Pasqua to the east side and here you walk down into a ditch (it has no Bus Shelters) and then climb the hill where businesses are located - there is a bakery, a gym, the Family Foot Clinic, etc. When you are finished with your business, etc. - you walk down the hill and up to the Pasqua Street bus stop and return to the Cornwall Centre. I have never found out if this is private property.

Thanks for listening.