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### Manitoba Transit Heritage Association Inc.

The Manitoba Transit Heritage Association is a non-profit organization whose members volunteer to restore old transit vehicles for historical purposes, and provide the restored transit vehicles for public parades and displays.

The MTHA also collects transit related memorabilia. If you wish to donate vintage items, please contact:

The Manitoba Transit Heritage Association Inc.  
c/o 421 Osborne Street  
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
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The MTHA celebrates...



and salutes the dedicated staff of Winnipeg Transit.

William A. Luke, bus industry journalist and historian

## Donates hand crafted model to MTHA

Manitoba Transit Heritage Association members David A. Wyatt and Alex Regiec recently travelled to Spokane, Washington to accept the donation of a hand crafted model transit bus from respected bus industry journalist and historian William A. Luke.

The vintage CCF/Brill trolley coach was carved out of wood and was hand painted in Winnipeg Electric Company colours over 50 years ago as part of Bill's bus modelling hobby.

Bill's model is currently on display in the Fort Rouge garage trophy case, and includes a profile of his career and service to the bus industry. In appreciation, the MTHA has inducted Bill as an honorary member.



## Fundraising kick-off

## City employees charitable fund

The City of Winnipeg Charitable Fund recently held it's annual cook book launch and fund-raising kickoff at the Public Works Yard on 1155 Pacific Avenue.

Manitoba Transit Heritage Association member Ron Alexander piloted bus 111 to and from the event.



# MTHA Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 10th, 2007 at Fort Rouge Garage

Recorded by Ross Smith, MTHA Secretary

## Executive

The Manitoba Transit Heritage Association Inc. executive members are:

Alex Regiec  
President

Dennis Cavanagh  
Vice-President

Guy Fontaine  
Treasurer

Ross Smith  
Secretary

## Present:

Ron Alexander, Guy Fontaine, Ross Smith, Dennis Cavanagh, Ben Konoawalchuk, Alex Regiec, and Ian Moore.

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 19:22.

## Review of Minutes

The minutes of the 1 August 2007 meeting were reviewed and approved.

## Treasurer's Report

Guy Fontaine distributed a financial statement for review. The MTHA received \$550 in donations from its activities during the past six months. The Association's reserves are currently healthy. A motion to accept as read was made by Ron Alexander, and seconded by Alex Regiec. Adopted.

## MTHA Activities

The members reviewed the activities of the Association from this past summer.

## Public Works Expo

On May 26th, the MTHA displayed bus 111 at Kildonan Park in support of the City of Winnipeg's Public Works Expo.

## Winnipeg Transit's 125th Open House

The MTHA displayed busses 111, 214 and 565 at Winnipeg Transit's 125th Anniversary Open House.

## Movie "The Box Collector"

Bus 111 made an appearance in scene 54 of the movie "The Box Collector" on June 17.

## Artistic Photography

Noted Winnipeg artist Tracey Peters stopped by to photograph bus 751 using an old pinhole camera.

## Cruz In Downtown

On August 11th, bus 111 participated in the annual Cruz In Downtown shine and show event in support of the Children's Wish Foundation.

## Gwen Sectar's Trip Down Memory Lane

Bus 111 was on hand at the Gwen Sectar Senior's Creative Living Centre for a few trips.

## MTHA Activities continued

### Graham Avenue Street Festival

On September 22, bus 111 was on display at the corner of Kennedy and Graham during the Downtown BIZ street festival.

### City Employee's Cook Book Launch

Bus 111 was on hand at the annual City Employee's Charitable Fund's launching of its new cook book.

## Old Business

Arrangements have been made so that we could store busses 111, 751 and 28 on Track 36. Busses 214 and 565 are to be kept on Track B in a designated work area which has a work bench, air, heat and electrical outlets. However should this area be required for bus radio and camera install, then all MTHA busses would be stored on Track 36.

Plans are to do more cleaning and organizing in the blister storage areas. The question arose of what to do with the spare V-8 engines? Ross suggested that he will find a buyer for them.

Bus 565 requires an exhaust system and the suggestion was made to find a shop that may donate the work. The vehicle also requires some wiring work.

## New Business

Alex Regiec announced that work nights would be on Wednesdays and business meetings on the third Tuesday of every month. (Schedules appeared in last edition of the Switch Iron).

## In Memorium

MTHA founding member and long time friend Ken Graham passed on September 10th. Ken was dedicated to bus preservation and donated many hours working on restoration projects on Wednesday nights. Some MTHA members attended his funeral.

## Historical Notation

Dennis Cavanagh mentioned that bus 28, recently donated to the MTHA from Beaver Bus Lines, has been noted to be one of the longest running busses in continuous transit service in North America.

## Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 20:30.

## Welcome...

The Manitoba Transit Heritage Association Inc. welcomes the following Honourary and new Members:

John D. Fehr  
President  
Beaver Bus Lines Ltd.  
Winnipeg, Manitoba

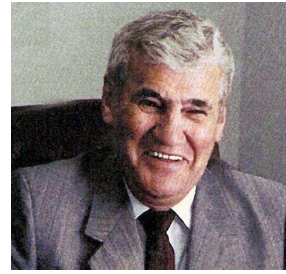
Ian Moore  
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Shawn Martinuk  
Winnipeg, Manitoba



## In Memorium

**John J. Fehr**, prominent Winnipeg businessman, founder of Fehr-Way Tours and owner of Beaver Bus Lines, passed on November 15th, 2007. Friends from the Manitoba Transit Heritage Association express their sincere condolences to the Fehr family.



John J. Fehr



Kenneth J. Graham

**Kenneth J. Graham**, a founding member and long time supporter of the Manitoba Transit Heritage Association passed on September 10th, 2007. Colleagues at the Manitoba Transit Heritage Association express their sincere condolences to the Graham family.

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## Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone's Street Festival

### A Saturday afternoon on Graham Avenue

On Saturday, September 22nd, the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone held a street festival in an effort to regenerate interest our city's once thriving core. The festival featured professional wrestling, sand castle building, children's face painting and many food vendors.

The Manitoba Transit Heritage Association's 1937 Twin Coach appeared at the corner of Graham and Kennedy. New MTHA member Ian Moore, below, enjoys the view from the "front office".



## Manuals indexed and in safe storage

While recently cleaning out its storage areas, the Manitoba Transit Heritage Association discovered it had dozens of service and parts manuals for Flxible Twin Coach, Canadian Car, Fuso, General Motors, and Flyer transit buses.

A special thank-you goes out to Guy Fontaine who spent a number of hours sorting, cataloguing and boxing the collection of manuals.



Guy Fontaine

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# From The Photo Album

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If you have a photograph of a vintage transit vehicle from anywhere in Manitoba that you would like to share, please send it to the Manitoba Transit Heritage Association Inc.  
c/o 421 Osborne Street, Winnipeg, MB R3L 2A2

## Invitation...

The Manitoba Transit Heritage Association Inc. welcomes employees of the Brandon Transit System to drop us a line about your heritage bus, send us some pictures, or give us a call and arrange to visit with us when in Winnipeg.

Please call either:

Alex Regiec 986-6935  
or  
Guy Fontaine 986-5799



Brandon Transit bus 52, a 1967 General Motors Coach model TDH-3501, preparing to depart from the yard.  
This picture was taken and provided courtesy of Dennis Cavanagh of Winnipeg, Manitoba.