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OC Transpo unveils possible changes

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EMC News - OC Transpo held an open house last Thursday evening unveiling plans to change several bus routes in the Orléans area.

The open house, held at the Orléans branch of the Royal Canadian Legion on Taylor Creek Drive, was to give area residents an understanding of changes proposed for route 122.

Currently, there is no bus service that travels on Taylor Creek Drive to service the business park. More than 250 residents and business owners who travel to the business park regularly signed a petition, which was submitted to the City of Ottawa and OC Transpo.

Roy Drouin, a member of the Orléans Legion, took it upon himself to start the petition and went to every business in the Taylor Creek Industrial Park for support.

He noted that before, having bus service wasn't a viable option. There was no demand for bus service because the area wasn't evolved.

Now that it has evolved over the past few years with the opening of businesses and even a day care centre, there is more traffic to the business park.

"We have been talking about this for awhile now," said Drouin, adding that the petition began circulating in November of 2009. "I went around and talked to everybody I could and they all wanted the same thing."

It is proposed that the route 122 be modified to service the Taylor Creek Industrial Park, North Service Road, Jeanne d'Arc Boulevard and Champlain Street to Place d'Orléans instead of Regional Road 174.

The updated route would not only allow service on Taylor Creek Drive, but also the new residential developments and a campus of La Cité Collégiale.

Travel time to and from Place d'Orléans would slightly increase for residents on Trim Road south of St. Joseph, but if those residents do travel downtown, transfers will be available at the Trim Park and Ride.

The route 122 would replace the existing 130 service on Jeanne d'Arc between Tenth Line Road and Place d'Orléans with a new connection on Innes Road and the route 94. Nothing would change with the existing route 95 service on Regional Road 174 and the connection between Trim Park and Ride and Place d'Orléans.

"It's common sense to have the bus service on Taylor Creek," said Orléans Coun. Bob Monette. "It's a booming area right now."

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a member of the Orléans Legion and Heather Sanders of OC Transpo (right) discuss potential route changes at an open house last week.