Committee Room "A"
City Hall, Saskatoon, SK
Friday, January 10, 2014
at 12:00 noon

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SASKATOON ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PRESENT: Mr. Robin East, Chair

Ms. Jeanette Dean

Director of Community Development Lacroix

Director of Facilities and Fleet Management Halstead @ 12:20 p.m.

Ms. Gladys Kozlow Ms. Janice Dawson Councillor Mairin Loewen

Mr. J.D. McNabb Ms. Odette Nicholson

Kathy O'Brien, Committee Secretary

 2014 Membership/Introduction of New Members (File No. CK. 225-70)

The Committee welcomed Odette Nicholson, Gladys Kozlow and J.D. McNabb to the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee. Introductions were held.

The following is the membership of the Committee for 2014:

Councillor T. Davies Councillor M. Loewen

Ms. Lynne Lacroix, Manager, Community Development Branch

Mr. Tim Halstead, Manager; Facilities Branch

Mr. Robin East

Ms. Janice Dawson

Ms. Jeanette Dean

Ms. Gladys Kowlow

Mr. J.D. McNabb

Ms. Odette Nicholson

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

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2. Minutes

RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held on November 8, 2013, be approved.

3. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair 2014 (File No. CK. 225-70)

The Committee was requested to appoint a Chair and Vice Chair for 2014. For the Committee's information, Robin East served as Chair and Len Boser as Vice-Chair for 2013.

Robin East was nominated for Chair. No other nominations were received. J-D McNabb was nominated for Vice-Chair. No other nominations were received.

- RESOLVED: 1) that Robin East be appointed Chair for 2014; and
 - 2) that J-D McNabb be appointed Vice-Chair for 2014.
- 4. Terms of Reference Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee (File No. CK. 225-70)

The Chair requested that all members familiarize themselves with the Terms of Reference for the Committee and prepare any relevant questions/comments for the next meeting.

Tim Halstead entered the meeting at 12:20 p.m., during discussion of this matter.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

5. Matters for Follow-Up (File No. CK. 225-70)

Snow removal:

Mr. Gord Hundeby from Transportation was in attendance to speak to bylaw enforcement as it pertains to sidewalk snow removal. Mr. Hundeby provided a brief update:

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- Mail-out in fall was proactive measure to advise businesses in Schedule A of the Bylaw requiring owners that they are to comply with sidewalk snow removal within 24 hours of a snow event. Statistics have shown that compliance is in the 95% range when owners are aware of their responsibility.
- 8th Street East (McKercher Drive to Clarence Avenue) had not previously been included in Schedule A, but now is.

Mr. Hundeby then answered questions put forth by Committee members.

Audible Signals:

Letter of Understanding between Human Rights Commission and City of Saskatoon forthcoming.

Disabled Parking:

Closing date on Request for Proposals (RFP) is soon. Comments were made that at least some disabled parking spaces need to be wider to accommodate lifts.

RESOLVED that the information be received.

6. Report of Access Transit Manager (File No. CK. 7305-1)

Mr. Jamie Robinson requested feedback from the Committee regarding Access Transit rides contracted out to taxi companies. Discussion ensued regarding training of taxi drivers and treatment of customers with service animals.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

Mr. Robin East, Chair