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April 1, 2014

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Dear Committee Members:

**NOTICE OF MEETING  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Please take note of the following meeting of the above-noted Committee:

**DATE:            MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014**

**TIME:            1:00 P.M.**

**PLACE:           COMMITTEE ROOM "A"**

A copy of the agenda is attached.

**Please notify the City Clerk's Office in advance of the meeting if you are unable to attend.**

Yours truly,

**Joanne Sproule**  
City Clerk

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Attachment

cc: City Manager  
City Solicitor (3)  
Director of Government Relations  
Fire Chief  
Director of Media Relations

General Manager, Asset & Financial Management Department  
General Manager, Community Services Department  
General Manager, Corporate Performance Department  
General Manager, Transportation & Utilities Department

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014, AT 1:00 P.M., COMMITTEE ROOM "A"**

**SECTION A – MINUTES**

1. Minutes - of meeting held on March 24, 2014.

**SECTION B – DECISION ITEMS**

1. Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee – 2013 Annual Report  
(File No. CK. 430-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the 2013 Annual Report of the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee be forwarded to City Council for its information.

Attached is the 2013 Annual Report of the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: Executive Committee  
FROM: Chair, Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee  
DATE: March 14, 2014  
SUBJECT: 2013 Annual Report – Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee  
FILE NO. CK. 430-1

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RECOMMENDATION: that the 2013 Annual Report of the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee be forwarded to City Council for its information through the Executive Committee.

REPORT

The mandate of the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee is to promote universal accessibility to ensure that the City of Saskatoon's services, facilities and infrastructure are barrier-free for citizens of all abilities.

In order to advise and assist City Council with its jurisdictional options in achieving this barrier-free goal, so that the City of Saskatoon is a leader by example, the Committee developed an Implementation of Accessibility Action Plan in October 2008.

Membership on the Committee for 2013 included:

Councillor T. Davies  
Councillor M. Loewen  
Ms. Lynne Lacroix, Community Development Manager  
Mr. Tim Halstead, Facilities Branch Manager  
Mr. Robin East, Chair  
Ms. Carla Sheridan  
Mr. Len Boser, Vice Chair  
Ms. Cindy Xavier  
Ms. Janice Dawson  
Ms. Jeanette Dean (new position on Committee appointed by City Council in January of 2013, as a representative of seniors' community)

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSIONS UNDERTAKEN IN 2013

Audible Signals

The Administration provided updates to the Committee regarding the matter of accessible audible signals. All new intersections have accessible audible signals installed where appropriate. Also, five intersections are scheduled to be retrofitted yearly. The Committee will continue to receive updates from the Administration.

### Snow Removal

The Administration reported verbally on this issue at various meetings of the Committee. Bylaw enforcement was also discussed. Snow removal has been and will continue to be an item of concern to the Committee. Sidewalk clearing, in particular, was discussed at length with options for compliance of bylaws an on-going matter.

### Disabled Parking

A verbal report was provided by the Parking Services Manager. The parking system is being revamped with further updates to be received as they become available.

### Miscellaneous Updates

The Access Transit Manager and Transit Manager provided updates regarding calling out of bus stops. Audible global positioning system equipment is expected to be installed in all buses in 2014.

The Administration provided the Committee with an update regarding the City's taxi-cab operations; in particular, accessible taxis and licenses. New provisions are expected in 2014 that should improve availability of accessible taxis. Also discussed was the training of drivers, including language barriers and the treatment of service animals. Further updates are expected in 2014.

The Committee was asked for input regarding a new registration process for Access Transit. It provided recommendations which were implemented by Access Transit.

### Referrals from City Council

A letter from Ms. Cheryl Loadman, Age-Friendly Saskatoon Project Coordinator, dated August 18, 2013, was received by City Council and referred to the Committee for further handling. Transportation in and out of the Saskatoon Field House was discussed. The Saskatoon Council on Aging has relocated its office to the Field House and expressed concerns regarding bus service to the venue. The Committee learned that the roads on the Field House grounds are not capable of handling full-sized buses. The Manager of Access Transit indicated that this was an issue that is being addressed with other appropriate civic departments. The Committee has requested that it be provided an update on progress in this regard.

### Tour of Civic Facilities

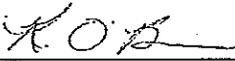
The January 2013 meeting of the Committee was held at Lakewood Civic Centre. A report entitled Barrier Free Assessment – Facility: Lakewood Civic Centre was received and reviewed by the Committee in September of 2012. The meeting was held at Lakewood Civic Centre to receive a tour and review of the facility from an accessibility standpoint.

Stakeholders of the above-noted report were also in attendance and received feedback. Major renovations to civic facilities and new facilities are to be completed using the FADS regulations (Facility Accessibility Design Standards 2012). Smaller, inexpensive fixes will be made where possible.

### Plans for 2014

The Accessibility Advisory Committee, in consultation with the Administration, and using the Accessibility Action Plan as a guide, will pursue opportunities to promote universal accessibility and will continue to carry out initiatives to work towards ensuring the City of Saskatoon services, facilities and infrastructure are barrier-free.

Submitted by:

  
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for Robin East, Chair  
Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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