

Committee Room "E"  
City Hall, Saskatoon, SK  
Friday, April 11, 2014  
at 11:30 a.m.

## MINUTES

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### SASKATOON ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PRESENT: Mr. Robin East, Chair  
Ms. Janice Dawson  
Councillor Mairin Loewen  
Ms. Jeanette Dean  
Ms. Gladys Kozlow  
Mr. J.D. McNabb, Vice-Chair  
Director of Community Development Lacroix  
Director of Facilities and Fleet Management Halstead  
Access Transit Manager Robinson  
Traffic Management Engineer Matt  
Deputy City Clerk Bryant

1. Minutes

RESOLVED: that the minutes of meeting held on March 14, 2014, be approved.

2. Action Plan – Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee  
(File No. CK. 225-70)

At the meeting held on March 14, 2014, the Committee suggested that this plan be discussed at the next meeting. The Secretary provided a link to the document by email on March 17, 2014.

Community Development Director Lacroix provided an update on the Action Plan indicating that there will be a report to Council on this matter before the end of 2014.

Mr. Robin East entered the meeting at 12:20 p.m. during consideration of this matter.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

3. Accessibility Ramps 2013 Annual Report  
(File No. CK. 6220-1)

The Deputy City Clerk submitted a copy of Clause 3, Report No. 5-2014 of the Administration and Finance Committee, which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on March 31, 2014.

Traffic Management Engineer Matt provided an overview of the report and answered questions of the Committee.

The Committee asked that once a grouping of curb cuts have been completed, that the City provide the public with an update in the appropriate fashion (i.e. website, PSA, etc.).

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

4. 2013 Traffic Control, Parking Restrictions and Parking Prohibitions Signage  
(File No. CK. 6250-1)

The Deputy City Clerk submitted a copy of Clause 4, Report No. 5-2014 of the Administration and Finance Committee, which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on March 31, 2014.

Traffic Management Engineer Matt provided an overview of the report and answered questions of the Committee.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

5. Report of Access Transit Manager  
(File No. CK. 225-70)

This is a standing item on the agenda. Access Transit Manager Robinson provided a verbal update regarding his attendance at the recent annual Paratransit service provider meeting in Regina. He indicated that there will be three consultation sessions set up in Saskatoon, and encouraged Committee members to attend. The locations and dates of those consultations are as follows:

Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at Prairieland Park  
Two sessions at 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 8, 2014 at White Buffalo Youth Lodge  
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 29, 2014 at CNIB  
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

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

This is a standing item on the agenda. The Deputy City Clerk submitted a copy of the Committee's follow-up list for review and the Committee reviewed same as follows:

Snow Removal – The Committee extended an invitation to the Administration to its next meeting to provide a verbal, high-level overview of the snow removal program for the 2013/2014 winter and next steps.

Accessible Audible Signals – Mr. East provided an update to the Committee regarding his meetings with Traffic Operations Engineer Lazic and Mr. Andy Livingston, Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission regarding this matter, and that a Letter of Understanding between the Human Rights Commission and the City of Saskatoon is being drafted. The Committee extended an invitation to Mr. Livingston to present the letter to the Committee at its next meeting.

Disabled Parking – The Committee was made aware that the RFP for parking meters has not yet closed.

Calling out Bus Stops – Mr. Robinson provided a verbal update regarding the installation of the equipment indicating they are on schedule. Mr. East indicated that every bus driver he has encountered has been calling out stops. Discussion followed regarding control of the automated device (driver versus office) and Mr. Robinson undertook to get the information to the Committee.

Kinsmen Park Upgrade – Ms. Lacroix outlined the major elements where there is accessible design, where accessibility could not be accommodated, and indicated that phase-one construction will begin in 2014, with an opening slated for May of 2015.

Elevator - Mendel Art Gallery – The Committee noted that there is no elevator in the Mendel Art Gallery. Mr. Halstead indicated that discussion has been held in this regard and that the City is waiting for confirmed reuse of the Mendel before plans are made.

Transit Access to Saskatoon Field House - The Committee noted that transit access to the Field House is not ideal, with only smaller bus access to the door. Ms. Lacroix noted that the City will be looking for efficiencies at this location with the future development of a hotel in the vicinity.

Councillor Loewen excused herself from the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

Website Redesign – Ms. Lacroix provided the Committee with information regarding the City's website design as it relates to accessibility compliance. She noted that Committee members are encouraged to sign up for the voluntary website testers group.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

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7. Statement of Expenditures  
(File No. CK. 1704-5)

The Deputy City Clerk submitted the Committee's current Statement of Expenditures.

RESOLVED: that the information be received.

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

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Mr. Robin East, Chair