



PUBLIC AGENDA

SASKATOON ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2015, 12:00 (NOON)
COMMITTEE ROOM E, GROUND FLOOR, CITY HALL

Mr. R. East, Chair
Mr. J.D. McNabb, Vice-Chair
Councillor M. Loewen
Councillor C. Clark
Ms. J. Dawson
Ms. G. Kozlow
Ms. O. Nicholson
Ms. M. Baxter
Director of Community Development L. Lacroix
Director of Facilities and Fleet Management T. Halstead

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Recommendation

That the agenda be approved as presented.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

That the minutes of Regular Meeting of the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee held on March 13, 2015 be adopted.

4. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

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

Verbal Update – B. Howe

Recommendation

That the information be received.

**5. EMAIL FROM MIKE SIMMONDS – PARKING TERMINALS AND SIDEWALKS
(File No. CK. 6290-1)**
Verbal Update – R. East

Attached is a copy of an email forwarded to the Committee from Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee Chair, Robin East from Mr. Mike Simmonds.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

6. MATTERS FOR FOLLOW UP (File No. CK. 225-70)

Matters for follow up as of March 13, 2015. Attached is a copy of the Committee's follow-up list for review.

Recommendation

1. That the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee issue direction with respect to any follow up item; and
2. That the information be received.

7. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES (File No. CK. 1704-5)

Attached is a current statement of expenditures. The Committee determined at its March meeting to further discuss the allocation of the 2015 budget.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

8. ADJOURNMENT

From: Robin east <easttogo@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 8:48 AM
To: Sackmann, Debby (Clerks)
Subject: Fwd: Parking terminals and sidewalks

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Puck 'n' Funny" <pucknfunny@sasktel.net>
Date: March 3, 2015 at 10:34:05 AM CST
To: Robin East <easttogo@gmail.com>
Subject: Parking terminals and sidewalks

Greetings Robin,

I am corresponding to you in hopes that you can carry this message to the powers that be at City Hall. My concerns are as follows;

Throughout the winter of 2014/15, the sidewalks on Fifth Avenue North between 24th St. and 25th St., South of the 320 address have yet to be cleaned. Also, the addition of these new parking terminals has made navigating the sidewalk more difficult.

The placement of these terminals, including the one directly in front of 325th Ave., North has made walking the sidewalks for a visually impaired person more like the resemblance of a pinball bouncing off of bumpers. The location in front of 320 is only about 6 feet away from a garbage can which leaves a very narrow passage down the sidewalk. Frustration springs to mind.

As I spoke with Phil on at City Hall, I was told these terminals were to be turned on all at the same time and therefore needed to be put out at the same time to avoid confusion of two different parking cards. As it turned out, this is not true from what I hear in the media. The man-hours of setting up the 30 terminals on the sidewalk not only were a waste of taxpayers dollars, for the team to set up these 30 terminals, however it was a serious oversight in the mobility of visually impaired and those with mobility issues.

As far as the snow removal on the 300 block of 5th Ave., North, it was again two sides of the coin as I called in to report the snow removal.

My first call to report the snow removal had a more of two's grasp as to my complaint and my reasoning for not given a specific address. When I told the receptionist of my visual impairment it did not seem to matter to her protocol until I mentioned I would take it to Powers higher up, at human rights. This is when she dug out the addresses of Fifth Avenue, which are 308 and 312 of 5th Ave., North, and told me she would send it to The bylaw officer. This was Thursday of last week, and here it is Tuesday when I called back for the second time to see what was being done. Here's what happened today;

The lady answering the telephone was much more helpful, pointing out a map that was to be cleaned up by the city and in just moments told me the 300 block of Fifth Avenue was responsibility of The city sidewalk cleaning team. She was not sure as to why it was not being cleaned, however alluded to the thought of having the city police station moving being part of the reason for not cleaning what is apparently a city police parking

lot. The lady at City Hall was telling me the sidewalk cleaning team was just heading out of her office, and she was going to have them come and clean it directly. How refreshing.

I have also left a telephone message with Charlie Clark, my counselor who is out of town for a couple of days, however, I do want to speak to him in regards to this matter. I know you are a good advocate for positive change in the land of accessibility issues, this is why am forwarding you my request to speak to others. Thank you for your understanding.

All the best,

Mike Simmonds

	<p>Snow Removal</p>	<p>the Accessibility Advisory Committee for its information. Sep 14/12 – Rec'd update from P. Bracken, IS</p> <p>Oct 10/14 – E. Quail (Rdway Manager, Public Works) & A. Gardiner (Dir. of Transportation) gave updates on snow removal winter 2014 targets & snow removal bylaw enforcement.</p>	<p>enforcement of clearing of snow on private lots. Sep/12 – Memo sent to GM, IS requesting short summary fact sheet on the snow removal program and bylaw enforcement related to snow removal. Nov/12 – IS will be asked to provide update on bylaw enforcement at a future meeting. Jan/13 – general updates given to Committee. Jan/13 – Detailed report expected before budget deliberations. (May/13 – Sidewalk Clearing Bylaw discussed at June 2013 meeting.) Oct/13 – Reports forthcoming – city-wide & sidewalk clearing – to be distributed to Committee once public. Jan/14 - ongoing Mar/14 – requested update from Administration May/14 – J. Patel provided update Sept 12/14 – Committee Assistant to verify with the Administration if an update is to be provided for the Fall 2014. Committee Assistant will report back to the Committee on this matter. Nov 14/14 - No update. Jan 9/15 – Dir. of Transportation Gardiner and Dir. of Community Standards Hildebrandt gave an update on snow removal bylaw enforcement report. Feb 13/15 – Dir. of Community Standards Hildebrandt gave an update on sidewalk snow clearing enforcement report being presented to City Council at their Feb. 23/15 mtg. Mar 13/15 – Dir. of Community Services Lacroix informed the Committee that awareness campaigns continue to be worked on in order to help make the city more accessible for everyone. The City also understands that they have to be role models by ensuring snow is being removed from City-owned property.</p>
Jan/12	<p>Disabled Parking</p>	<p>Jan/12 – Phil Haughn spoke to committee about changes in downtown parking.</p>	<p>Follow up as information available. Mar/13 – P. Haughn asked to provide update. May/13 – No update yet; projected for fall. Oct/13 – RFP for upgrade of parking equipment</p>

	<p>Disabled Parking</p>	<p>Oct 10/14 – P. Haughn gave update on permit parking (Apr 2015 smart cards to be issued). Medical parking spots issued based on user demand. Additional spots looking to be allocated.</p>	<p>Nov 4/13 – RFP to Council Jan/14 – RFP for parking meters closing soon Mar/14 – request for update from Administration Apr/14 – RFP not yet closed June/14 – Request to Admin to update in fall 2014 Sept 13/14 - Secretary to confirm that Administration (Phil Haughn) will provide an update in fall 2014. Secretary will report back to the Committee on this matter. Sept 12/14 – Committee Assistant to request Administration provide information on allocation of disabled parking spots for medical offices. Phil Haughn will report to the Committee on this matter at the Oct 2014 meeting. Nov 14/14 – Request to Admin to update on new parking policy in 2015. Jan 9/15 – Parking issues/concerns are to be addressed to Community Standards Division. Parking policies are being reviewed through the 2015 Parking Study. Feb 13/15 – No update. Mar 13/15 – There are a few glitches with the new system that are being rectified. Max. time currently allowed to park is 90 mins., meters work by inputting the vehicle license, payment at the meters can be cash, credit card or PayPal, parking ambassadors are patrolling the streets to assist the public with the operation of the new meters.</p>
	<p>Accessible Calling Out Bus Stops</p>		<p>Follow up as appropriate. Mar/13 – Pilot of 30 buses complete, entire fleet to be equipped. J. Robinson to report further re implementation plan. May/13 – Operators were not consistently calling out stops, further education was provided; situation improving. Sep/13 – Letter of Agreement Signed between City of Saskatoon Transit and Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission Oct/13 – not all operators calling out stops Jan/14 – all buses to be equipped with Intelligent Transportation System by May 2014 May/14 – most buses outfitted with new equipment</p>

	<p>Accessible Calling Out Bus Stops</p>		<p>June/14 – equipment installed, smart phone app ready by fall Sept 12/14 – No update. Oct 10/14 – No update. Nov 14/14 – No update. Jan 9/15 – No update. Feb 13/15 – No update. Mar 13/15 – All buses are now part of the new tracking system implemented due to the new City website. Some staff continues to not call out bus stops.</p>

Updated March 2015

01-5576-103 SASKATOON ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (2015)						
DATE	NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	Committee Expenses DEBIT	CREDIT	G/L	BALANCE
January		Opening Balance				3,000.00
17-Mar	R541965	SDHHS-Computerized Notetaking Services	90.00			2,910.00
10-Apr	R547613	SDHHS-Computerized Notetaking Services	75.00			2,835.00
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TOTAL			165.00	0		

2015 Budget:

Conferences: \$3,000

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