



**PUBLIC MINUTES
SASKATOON ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Friday, January 9, 2015, at 12:00 (noon)
Committee Room "E", City Hall**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Transportation A. Gardiner
Director of Community Standards A. Hildebrandt
Committee Assistant D. Sackmann

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. East.

1.2 Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Committee was requested to appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair for 2015.

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

Moved By: Ms. Dawson

1. That Mr. Robin East be appointed Chair for 2015; and
2. That Mr. J.D. McNabb be appointed Vice-Chair for 2015.

CARRIED

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Mr. McNabb

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Ms. Dawson

That the minutes of meeting of the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee held on November 14, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. 2015 MEMBERSHIP (File No. CK. 225-70)

The Committee welcomed Muriel Baxter and Councillor Charlie Clark to the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee. Introductions were held.

The following is the membership of the Committee for 2015:

Councillor Mairin Loewen
Councillor Charlie Clark
Ms. Lynne Lacroix, Director of Community Development
Mr. Tim Halstead, Director of Facilities & Fleet Management
Mr. Robin East
Mr. J.D. McNabb

Ms. Janice Dawson
Ms. Gladys Kozlow
Ms. Odette Nicholson
Ms. Muriel Baxter

Moved By: Ms. Kozlow

That the information be received.

CARRIED

5. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

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

Access Transit Supervisor Campbell was in attendance representing Access Transit.

Ms. Campbell advised the Committee that Access Transit added three more busses to their fleet as of October 31, 2014. They are still short two part-time operators, but are working around this.

With the growing City, travelling distances have increased; however, Access Transit is looking at increasing bus passenger loads in order to provide a more sufficient service.

The Committee was reminded that Access Transit has their own parking spots at the Midtown Plaza, the Sturdy Stone Building and the Medical Arts Building.

Moved By: Councillor Clark

That Parking Services and Access Transit jointly provide a verbal or written update on access transit parking spots and on loading zone sizes/capacities to the Committee at their earliest convenience.

CARRIED

5.2 INQUIRY COUNCILLOR A. IWANCHUK (JANUARY 7, 2013) OPTIONS AND COSTS – COMPREHENSIVE SNOW CLEARING AND REMOVAL (File No. CK. 6290-1)

Director of Transportation Gardiner along with Director of Community Standards Hildebrandt were both in attendance and provided an overview of the report and answered subsequent questions from the Committee members.

The report outlines some strategic goals, current levels of service, current resources available and some future operational improvements.

The current process for bylaw enforcement has to be shortened and this is being looked at. An update will be provided to the Committee sometime after a new report goes to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation in February.

Discussion followed.

Moved By: Ms. Dawson

That the information be received.

CARRIED

Ms. Gardiner excused herself from the meeting after the discussions on disabled parking meters and audible pedestrian signals.

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

6.1 The Committee Assistant submitted a copy of the Committee's Follow-up list for review and the Committee reviewed as follows:

It was noted that there had been no recent updates on the matter of Accessible Calling Out Bus Stops and Kinsmen Park.

Snow Removal: Director of Transportation Gardiner and Director of Community Standards Hildebrandt provided an update on the snow removal bylaw enforcement process.

Accessible Audible Pedestrian Signals: Director of Transportation Gardiner will update the Committee at its February meeting to this matter.

Disabled Parking: The Committee was informed that parking issues/concerns going forward will be handled by the new Community Standards Division. Parking policies are being reviewed through the current 2015 Downtown Parking Study.

Saskatoon Field House: The Committee agreed to remove the Saskatoon Field House from the matters for follow up list until 2016 at which time the matter can be revisited.

Website Redesign: Director of Community Development Lacroix informed the Committee that the new website has been launched internally and will be launched to the public on January 31, 2015.

Mendel Art Gallery Site: The Committee agreed to remove the Mendel Art Gallery from the follow up list until 2017 at which time the Children's Discovery Museum will become the building's new tenant.

Discussion ensued.

Moved By: Ms. Dawson

That the Administration provides an opportunity for the Committee to provide input on disabled parking matters during the Downtown Parking Study 2015 and also that an update be provided to the Committee prior to the completion of the Parking Study.

CARRIED

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

The Committee Assistant submitted the year-end Statement of Expenditures for the Committee's review.

Moved By: Mr. East

That the year-end Statement of Expenditures be deferred to the Committee's next meeting due to time constraints.

CARRIED

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Ms. Kozlow

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

Mr. R. East, Chair