



**PUBLIC MINUTES
SASKATOON ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**September 11, 2015, 12:00 pm
Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall**

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

ABSENT: Councillor M. Loewen
Ms. M. Baxter

ALSO PRESENT: Access Transit Manager B. Howe
Committee Assistant D. Sackmann

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed all the attendees. Around the room introductions were held.

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 Regular Meeting of the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee held on June 12, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 Saskatoon Chapter of Alliance for Equality of Blind Canadians (AEBC) - Accessibility Issues (File CK. 100-17)

Mr. Mike Simmons, Vice President, Saskatoon Chapter, AEBC, addressed the Committee regarding accessibility issues. Mr. Simmons requested that audible pedestrian signals be automatic with no requirement to press a button as this is a hindrance for individuals who are sight-challenged. He also inquired to when the new parking meters would be placed on permanent pads as the temporary spots can cause mobility issues. Mr. Simmons also spoke regarding taxi service in the city and the need to implement rules and regulations for taxi drivers to assist in providing better service for people with visual impairments.

Director of Community Development Lacroix addressed questions of the Committee.

Engineering Manager Magus and Senior Transportation Engineer Lazic were in attendance and presented a letter written by Mr. Lazic addressed to the AEBC Secretary/Treasurer addressing accessibility issues.

Director of Facilities & Fleet Management Halstead entered the meeting at 12:17 p.m.

Discussion ensued. The suggestion was put forth that the Committee participate in a walking tour prior to the start of the October meeting to determine if further action is required regarding the various accessibility issues discussed; the Committee agreed.

Committee members on August 26, 2015 were invited by Saskatoon Transit to take part in experiencing the voice announcement system (ITS) and to provide Transit input on their experiences; some members shared their experience.

Moved By: Ms. Dawson

1. That a sub-committee be established to review the bylaws pertaining to taxis, taxi services, the report of the Director of Corporate Revenue being presented to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation at a future date, and any other taxi issues related to persons with disabilities; and that the Committee report back to SAAC their findings; and
2. That this sub-committee consist of the following:
 - Odette Nicholson
 - Robin East
 - J.D. McNabb

CARRIED

6. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

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

Due to time constraints the matter was deferred to the next meeting of the Committee in 2015.

Moved By: Mr. East

That the item be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee in 2015.

CARRIED

7. TAXI SERVICE FOR THE DISABLE (File CK. 307-1)

Due to time constraints the matter was deferred to the next meeting of the Committee in 2015.

Moved By: Mr. East

That the item be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee in 2015.

CARRIED

8. MATTERS FOR FOLLOW UP

Due to time constraints the matter was deferred to the next meeting of the Committee in 2015.

Moved By: Mr. East

That the item be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee in 2015.

CARRIED

9. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Due to time constraints the matter was deferred to the next meeting of the Committee in 2015.

Moved By: Mr. East

That the item be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee in 2015.

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Mr. Robin East, Chair

D. Sackmann, Committee Assistant