



**PUBLIC MINUTES
SASKATOON ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Friday, March 13, 2015, at 12:00 (noon)
Committee Room "E", City Hall**

PRESENT: Mr. J.D. McNabb, A/Chair
Ms. G. Kozlow
Ms. O. Nicholson
Ms. M. Baxter
Ms. J. Dawson
Director of Community Development L. Lacroix
Director of Facilities and Fleet Management T. Halstead

ALSO PRESENT: Committee Assistant D. Sackmann

ABSENT: Councillor M. Loewen
Councillor C. Clark
Mr. R. East

1. CALL TO ORDER

The A/Chair called the meeting to order.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Ms. Dawson

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 February 13, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

4.1 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 Manager Howe was away and; therefore, unable to attend the meeting. The Committee was apprised that the tender for three new Access Transit buses is ready to go out in the next few weeks.

Moved By: Ms. Kozlow

That the information be received.

CARRIED

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

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

Snow Removal: Director of Community Services Lacroix updated the Committee that the City continues working on awareness campaigns in order to help make the city as a whole more accessible. The City also understands that as property owners themselves they have to be role models by ensuring the snow is being removed from City-owned property.

Disabled Parking: There are a few glitches in the new parking meter system that are being rectified. Currently, you can only park at any meter for a maximum time limit of 90 minutes, after which time you have to move the vehicle and park at a different meter location in order to park for an additional time. Parking ambassadors have been patrolling the streets to assist anyone having meter issues. The meters work by inputting your vehicle license plate so when parking enforcement drives by your vehicle their camera recognizes the plate number; any violations are mailed out and not placed on the windshield. The meters accept payment in the form of credit card, cash and PayPal.

Accessible Calling Out Bus Stops: All buses should now be part of the new tracking system that was put in place at the end of February for the City's new website. There are still some complaints that stops are not being called out, staff has to do their due diligence.

Access Transit Supervisor Campbell informed the Committee that every new bus being ordered has to be low floor and if a patron calls customer service they will let them know what specific stops low floor buses will stop at.

Kinsmen Park Upgrade: Phase 1 of the park is set to open July 1, 2015. The park will open in various phases and is driven by funding. The Committee determined that this item be removed from the Matters for Follow up list until further action is required.

Website Redesign: The new website has officially been launched and the website team continues to seek any feedback to help improve the site. Any broken links or glitches should be reported. There is an Accessibility webpage that the Committee is encouraged to test and report back on. The Committee determined that this item be removed from the Matters for Follow up list until further action is required.

Moved By: Mr. McNabb

That the information be received.

CARRIED

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

The Committee Assistant submitted a current Statement of Expenditures for the Committee's review. The Committee briefly discussed its budget and how the funds can be allocated for various learning opportunities, not simply conferences, but for any educational opportunities related to addressing issues for the disability. It was determined that further discussion is required on possibly using the funds for strategic planning for the Committee.

Moved By: Mr. McNabb

That information be received.

CARRIED

9. Adjournment

Moved By: Mr. McNabb

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Mr. J.D. McNabb, A/Chair