



PUBLIC MINUTES

SASKATOON ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**September 9, 2016, 12:00 pm
Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall**

PRESENT: Mr. J. D. McNabb, A/Chair
Councillor C. Clark
Councillor M. Loewen
Ms. J. Dawson
Ms. G. Kozlow
Ms. O. Nicholson
Ms. M. Baxter

ABSENT: Mr. R. East, Chair
Director of Community Development L. Lacroix
A/Director of Facilities & Fleet Management D. Ehlert

ALSO PRESENT: Committee Assistant D. Sackmann

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. Baxter

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee held on June 10, 2016, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Disability Seating on Transit Buses (CK. 7300-1)

The A/Chair provided a brief background on the matter. The Committee at its meeting held June 10, 2016 commenced a discussion regarding safety concerns about accessibility seating on transit buses. Individuals with disabilities and/or using remedial devices are to be given front of the bus sitting. Accessibility sitting is not always consistent or available.

Saskatoon Transit Operations Manager Moellenbeck was in attendance and advised the Committee that the Administration is looking at making policy changes. The issue is two-fold: adjustments in policy and public education. Consistent signage is needed, advertising and signs that define priority sitting along with public information explaining that priority sitting is for those who need it. The Committee was encouraged to communicate its concerns in order to have them included into the policy review process.

Moved By: Ms. Dawson

That the information be received.

CARRIED

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 Proposed Loading Zones Policy and Disabled Parking Zones Policy (CK. 6145-1)

The Committee Assistant submitted a report of the General Manager, Transportation & Utilities Department, dated July 19, 2016, which was considered at the Regular Business Meeting of City Council held August 18, 2016; it was resolved, in part, that the report be forwarded to SAAC for its information.

Yang Li, Transportation Engineer in Training, Transportation & Utilities Department was in attendance and reviewed the submitted report with the Committee. The report focuses on residential areas. Discussion ensued regarding follow-up on loading zone signs and whose responsibility it is to notify the City to whether a loading zone is no longer in use/required.

Laura Saar, Special Projects Manager, Community Services was in attendance and advised the Committee regarding loading zone placards and loading zone sticker issuance along with the installation of loading zones.

Moved By: Ms. Baxter

That the Administration explore options for placing a term-limit on loading zones in residential areas and options for follow-up regarding tracking the removal of these signs; and update the Committee at the appropriate time.

CARRIED

6. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

6.1 Report of the Access Transit Manager (File CK. 225-70)

Deanna Campbell, Saskatoon Transit Supervisor was in attendance and advised the Committee that Access Transit Manager Howe and Director of Community Standards Hildebrandt have been in discussions regarding congestion with the bike lanes on 23rd Street and 4th Avenue. Transit wants to ensure that its customers are safely transported.

Access Transit Manager Howe at the Committee's meeting held June 10, 2016 provided an update on the Saskatoon Transit 2015 Annual Report, no further discussion ensued.

Moved By: Ms. Kozlow

That the information be received.

CARRIED

7. MATTERS FOR FOLLOW UP (CK. 225-70)

The Committee Assistant submitted a copy of the Matters for Follow Up for the Committee's review. The list was updated as follows:

Disable Parking - Mr. Li, Transportation & Utilities Department, reviewed the submitted report regarding proposed loading zones policy and disabled parking zones policy. Ms. Saar, Community Services Department advised on loading zone placards and loading zone sticker issuance along with loading zone installations.

Moved By: Ms. Kozlow

That the information be received.

CARRIED

8. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES (CK. 1704-5)

The Committee Assistant submitted a current Statement of Expenditures for the Committee's review.

Moved By: Ms. Nicholson

That the information be received.

CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

Mr. J.D. McNabb, A/Chair

Ms. D. Sackmann, Committee Assistant