

Request for Approval of Accessibility Educational Event

ISSUE

This report outlines the level of involvement by the Administration, as requested, to support an Accessibility Educational Event hosted by the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee.

BACKGROUND

The Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) presented a report at the August 6, 2019, Standing Policy Committee on Transportation outlining a proposal to host an accessibility educational event in November 2019. The Transportation Committee requested further information related to the level of involvement by the Administration, to support the event.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Administration and members of the Advisory Committee, Education and Awareness Sub-Committee, met on September 13, 2019, to discuss the proposed educational event and level of Administrative involvement. As a result of the discussion, the Advisory Committee proposed the event be held in May 2020.

The educational event will be planned and organized by the Advisory Committee and funded through their existing budget. The Advisory Committee is extending an open invitation to Administration to participate in the event as an opportunity to provide education and awareness on current City of Saskatoon programs and services, as well as an invitation to accessibility advocacy groups in the community.

The Advisory Committee is requesting to use Administrative marketing and communication resources to develop material for the event, with associated costs funded from their Advisory Committee budget.

Further information related to the educational proposal is outlined in Appendix 1.

IMPLICATIONS

The level of Administrative involvement requested by the Advisory Committee can be supported by Administration. Several Divisions, including Building Standards, Transit, Human Resources and Recreation and Community Development, are interested in participating in the event as an opportunity to promote their current programs and services.

NEXT STEPS

Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee will continue planning to support the event.

APPENDICES

1. Appendix 1 – Letter from Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee

REPORT APPROVAL

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