



PUBLIC MINUTES

SASKATOON ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 10, 2020, 12:00 p.m.

Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall

PRESENT: Bill Lehne - Public - Chair
Chelsea Wisser - North Saskatchewan Independent Living
Centre - Vice Chair
Julia Adamson - Public
Danae Mack - Vision Loss Rehabilitation Saskatchewan
Mercedes Montgomery - Saskatoon Council on Aging
Launel Scott - Spinal Cord Injury Saskatchewan
Collette Warlow - Public
Anne Websdale - Saskatchewan Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Services

ABSENT: Shirley Haines - Public

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Bev Dubois
Director of Transportation Jay Magus
Diversity Coordinator Jodi Fick-Dryka
Access Transit Manager Tracey Loewen
Senior Building Code Engineer Courtney Smith
Facilities Manager Dan Swerhone
Committee Assistant Holly Thompson
Customer Service & Engagement Manager Cory Shrigley
Facilities Manager Gord Hundebay

ABSENT: Darrell Seib - Director of Systemic Initiatives, Saskatchewan
Human Rights Commission
Recreation Services Manager Bruce Pearson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Assistant Thompson called the meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. Introductions were held.

1.1 Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair [File No. CK. 225-70]

The Committee is requested to appoint a Chair and Vice Chair for 2020.

J.D. McNabb was Chair and Collette Warlow was Vice Chair for 2019.

Nominations for Chair were received for Collette Warlow, Julia Adamson, and Bill Lehne. A ballot vote was conducted and Bill Lehne was appointed as the Chair for 2020.

Nominations for Vice Chair were received for Collette Warlow, and Chelsea Wisser. A ballot vote was conducted and Chelsea Wisser was appointed as the Vice Chair for 2020.

Moved By: C. Warlow

That Bill Lehne be appointed as Chair and Chelsea Wisser be appointed as Vice-Chair for 2020.

CARRIED

1.2 2020 Membership - Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee [File No. CK. 225-70]

City Council, at its meetings held on November 18, 2019, adopted a recommendation of its Governance and Priorities Committee that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee for the terms indicated:

To the end of 2021:

Bill Lehne, Public

The following were previously appointed by City Council to the end of 2020:

Julia Adamson, Public

Collette Warlow, Public

Shirley Hanes, Public

Mercedes Montgomery, Saskatoon Council on Aging

Launel Scott, Spinal Cord Injury Saskatchewan

Chelsea Wisser, North Saskatchewan Independent Living Centre

Danae Mack, Vision Loss Rehabilitation Saskatchewan

Anne Websdale, Saskatchewan Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

For 2020:

Councillor Bev. Dubois

Director of Transportation Jay Magus

Diversity Coordinator Jodi Fick-Dryka

Senior Building Code Engineer Courtney Smith

Access Transit Manager Tracey Loewen

Recreation Services Manager Bruce Pearson

Facilities Manager Dan Swerhone

Darrell Seib, Director of Systemic Initiatives, Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission

Moved By: C. Warlow

That the information be received.

CARRIED

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: M. Montgomery

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: A. Websdale

That the minutes of the meeting held on November 8, 2019 be approved.

CARRIED

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Mildred Kerr - Safe Transportation for Ill Disabled Riders of Special Needs Transport [File No. CK 7305-1]

At the November 8, 2019 meeting of the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee, the Committee had considered a letter referred from the

October 7, 2019 meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation. The Standing Policy Committee on Transportation in part resolved that the letter be referred to the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee for feedback.

The Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee heard from the following speakers:

- Mildred Kerr;
- Frank Peters; and
- Sandra Youngchief.

This matter was deferred until further information could be provided from the Administration prior to sending feedback to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation.

A request to speak, from Mildred Kerr, dated January 9, 2020 was provided.

Mildred Kerr expressed concern regarding the access transit trips of those on their way home from having dialysis treatments and requested prioritization of these trips.

Access Transit Manager Loewen informed the Committee that Access Transit is a shared ride service and prioritizing rides is discriminatory. She informed the Committee that there has been an increased demand and their current capacity does not meet the demand. It was noted that the City of Saskatoon licensed taxis charge a meter rate which can be higher than the fee to ride Access Transit. The Committee was further informed that early statistics show that the Access Transit services provided on Saturday are being utilized. Access Transit has been in discussions with agencies to seek assistance to meet the demand of the riders. The Committee was also informed that Access Transit receives \$28,000 in funding from Saskatchewan Health Authority which is used for operating expenses. This funding has not been increased since approximately 2010.

Moved By: A. Websdale

That the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee provide feedback to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation in support of direction

that Access Transit has taken and furthermore indicating the need of partnerships to increase capacity.

CARRIED

6. VERBAL UPDATES

6.1 REPORT OF THE CHAIR [File No. CK. 225-70]

No update was provided.

6.2 COMMITTEE OR RESOURCE MEMBER UPDATE [File No. CK. 225-70]

No update was provided.

7. REFERRALS FROM COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE [File No. CK. 225-70]

7.1 Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee (SAAC) – Request for Statistics and Work Plan [File No. CK. 6150-3-1 X 430-37]

A memo of the Transportation Division was provided.

Director of Transportation Magus reviewed the memo and attachments with the Committee.

Moved By: C. Warlow

That the information be received.

CARRIED

8. WORK PLAN CONSIDERATION

8.1 WORK PLAN AND REFERRALS TO STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE [File No. CK. 225-70]

This is a standing item on the agenda for the Committee, and/or any subcommittees, to provide updates regarding items on its work plan and any matters being referred to the Standing Policy Committee for consideration.

As stated in the Terms of Reference, the Committee shall submit an annual report, in the prescribed form, outlining the previous year's accomplishments and a work plan for the upcoming year, to City Council through the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services. This report shall be submitted by March 31, 2020

and serve to demonstrate how the Committee remains relevant and current.

This matter was on the agenda to determine the writers for the 2019 Annual Report.

A copy of the 2018 Annual Report and the 2019 work plan was provided.

Committee requested for information regarding the status on the update to the 2008 Accessibility Action Plan. The Committee Assistant will circulate further information prior to next meeting.

Committee Assistant Thompson and Committee Member Wisser submit a draft 2019 Annual Report for next meeting.

Moved By: C. Wisser

1. That information related to the update on the 2008 Accessibility Action Plan be provided prior to next meeting; and
2. That a draft 2019 Annual Report be submitted for next meeting.

CARRIED

9. BUDGET - STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES (CK. 1704-5)

The Committee reviewed the 2019 year-end Statement of Expenditures. The 2020 approved budget is \$3,000.00 for conferences and education.

Moved By: A. Websdale

That the information be received.

CARRIED

10. 2020 Meeting Dates

The following schedule of meeting dates for 2020 (no meetings in July, August, October and December) was provided:

- January 10
- February 14
- March 13
- April 17

- May 8
- June 12
- September 11
- November 13

Moved By: L. Scott

That the information be received.

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Mr. B. Lehne, Chair

Committee Assistant H. Thompson