

July 12, 2021

Secretary, Governance and Priorities Committee

Dear Secretary:

Re: Motion – Councillor M. Loewen - Identifying and Addressing Systemic Barriers (CK 4500-1 x 100-26 x 372-1)

The Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee, at its meeting held on June 11, 2021, reviewed a report of the General Manager of Strategy & Transformation dated May 17, 2021.

Although this matter was referred for information, it was apparent during discussion that the Committee had concerns related to the report. The Committee noted that the report was deficient in the focus on systemic barriers for accessibility. Furthermore, the Committee was also concerned about the approach taken, as there was a low level of accessibility indication within the report and how accessibility will be included in the phased approach. The Committee also noted that the other equity groups within the scope of the study seemed to have more focus and investigation outlined. It was recommended the Saskatchewan Disability Strategy be considered as reference for an all inclusive approach.

The Committee resolved:

That a letter be forwarded to the Governance and Priorities Committee providing the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee feedback on the report.

The Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee respectfully requests that the recommendation be considered by the Governance and Priorities Committee. I will also be available to address questions should any arise.

Yours truly,



Bill Lehne, Chair
Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee

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cc: General Manager, Strategy & Transportation
Chief Human Resource Officer
General Manager, Community Services