

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

January 17, 2024

Deputy City Clerk, Standing Policy Committee on Transportation

**Re: 2023 Annual Report – Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee  
[ADV2024-0101]**

The mandate of the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee (the Committee) is to provide advice on matters relating to promoting universal accessibility to ensure that the City of Saskatoon's services, facilities and infrastructure are barrier-free for citizens of all abilities.

The Committee provides guidance on a variety of topics including:

- ensuring that City of Saskatoon services, information, facilities and infrastructure are accessible for citizens of all abilities;
- policies and programs for improving accessibility to City services, information, facilities, infrastructure, and employment opportunities.

### **Committee Membership**

Membership on the Committee for the year 2023 was as follows:

#### **Members**

- J. Adamson, Public
- C. Anaka, Public
- D. Funk, Public
- D. Duong, Public
- R. Gourley, Public
- D. Gilchrist, Public
- P. Benson, Saskatoon Council on Aging
- N. Fernandez, Spinal Cord Injury Saskatchewan
- C. Wisser, Ability Hub YXE
- A. Nameth, Vision Loss Rehabilitation Saskatchewan
- A. McLeod, Saskatchewan Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

#### **Resource Members**

- Councillor B. Dubois
- Director of Transportation J. Magus
- Director, Building Standards K. Fagnou

- Organizational Development Consultant T. Prado
- Senior Building Code Engineer D. Harington (to June 2023)
- Senior Building Code Engineer Dylan Ramsay (from September 2023)
- Access Transit Manager B. Waldenberg
- Recreation Services Manager M. Wolfe
- Project Services Manager A. Moffat (to March 2023)
- Facilities Architect L. McGillivray Moroz (from May 2023)
- Director of Systemic Initiatives, Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission D. Seib (to March 2023)
- Director of Systemic Initiatives, Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission R. Mowat (From September 2023)

### **Work Plan Goals and Accomplishments**

The work plan goals of the Committee in 2023 were as follows.

- Deafblind Services
- Access Transit / Conventional Transit
- Educational and Awareness
- Civic Accessibility and Safety
- Downtown and Bus Rapid Transit Accessibility

Appendix 1 provides a summary of key topics and resolutions by meeting, and Appendix 2 provides a summary of 2023 expenditures.

In addition, the following were also completed by the Committee:

### **2022 Reports and Communications**

#### **Matters Referred by SPC or City Council**

There were no reports/recommendations referred to the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee.

#### **Referrals from the Standing Policy Committee**

1. **Downtown Event and Entertainment District Plan – Introduction [ADV2023-0301]** - The Committee received the report as information.
  - Considered March 10, 2023
2. **City Of Saskatoon - Assisted Waste Collections Program [CK. 7830-3]** – The Committee reviewed the matter and resolved that the information be received and also that the Committee’s feedback be forwarded be provided to the Administration.

- Considered March 10, 2023
- 3. **Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw Review – Review of Requirements for Accessible Off-Street Parking [ADV2023-0401]** – The Committee reviewed the matter and resolved that the information was received.
  - Considered May 12, 2023
- 4. **Andra Wist - Inclusion Saskatchewan - Barriers to Public Transportation [TS 2023-0806]** - The Committee received the information and submitted a letter in support of the Administration's direction.
  - September 8, 2023
- 5. **Pilot Project – Accessible Loading Zone Ramps [TS2023-0805]** – The Committee reviewed the matter and received as information.
  - September 8, 2023

#### **Reports/Recommendations Submitted to City Council:**

There were no reports/recommendations from the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee.

#### **Reports/Recommendations Submitted to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation:**

1. **Advertising Focus – Snow Angels Program [ADV2023-1102]** The Committee resolved that a letter be forwarded to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation to requesting that the Administration place an advertising focus on alley ways and side streets for the Snow Angels Program.
  - Considered on September 8, 2023
2. **Engagement Accessibility Barriers – Downtown Event and Entertainment District [ADV2023-1103]** - The Committee resolved that a letter be forwarded to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation to requesting that Administration review suggestions provided by SAAC regarding the Downtown Event and Entertainment District engagement accessibility barriers.
  - Considered on September 8, 2023
3. **Feasibility of Painting Designated Accessible Parking Spots and Adjacent Alleyways [ADV2023-1104]** - requesting that the Administration provide the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee with the feasibility of painting stripes on the designated accessible parking spots and adjacent alleyways.
  - Considered on September 8, 2023

#### **Reports/Recommendations Submitted to the Governance and Priority Committee:**

There were no reports/recommendations from the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee.

**Communication by Committee Representatives (Chair, Vice-Chair, or designate) to the local media:**

There were no matters communicated by Chair, Vice-Chair or designate to the local media for 2023.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Appendix 1 – 2023 Meeting Summary
2. Appendix 2 – 2023 Expenditures

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C. Wisser".

**Chelsea Wisser, Chair  
Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee**

## Appendix 1 – 2023 Meeting Summary – Key Topics and Resolutions

Meeting	Summary – Key Topics and Resolutions
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chelsea Wisser was appointed as Chair, and Darren Gilchrist was appointed as Vice Chair for 2023.</li> <li>• Committee was provided an orientation.</li> <li>• 2023 membership was confirmed.</li> <li>• The meeting format was confirmed.</li> <li>• An Administrative update was provided on the Cancellation and No Show Policy for Riders.</li> <li>• The 2022 Annual Report was reviewed for approval.</li> <li>• Deafblind Subcommittee report was provided for review.</li> <li>• Committee discussed the budget.</li> </ul>
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accessible Parking Program Verbal Update</li> <li>• Presentation - Experience Transit</li> <li>• Access Transit - Late Cancellation and No-Show Policy verbal update.</li> <li>• Mitac Systemic Barriers Training Project Update</li> <li>• Deafblind Subcommittee report was approved for submission to SPC on Transportation.</li> </ul>
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report - Downtown Event and Entertainment District Plan – Introduction ADV2023-0301</li> <li>• Verbal Update - Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre</li> <li>• Report – Assisted Waste Collections Program received as information and feedback provided.</li> <li>• Subcommittee Membership was confirmed.</li> </ul>
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Due to No Quorum - Meeting Cancelled.</u></li> </ul>
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report – Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw Review – Review of Requirements for Accessible Off-Street Parking [ADV2023-0401]</li> <li>• Member Verbal update - MITACS Program</li> </ul>
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Due to No Quorum – Meeting Cancelled.</u></li> </ul>
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subcommittee Report – Education and Awareness – 6 reports reviewed. 3 Letters were forwarded to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation.</li> <li>• Verbal Update - Accessible Parking Program Review [CK. 6120-4] – Committee provided verbal feedback.</li> <li>• Letter - Andra Wist - Inclusion Saskatchewan - Barriers to Public Transportation [TS 2023-0806] – Support letter was</li> </ul>

	forwarded to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Report - Pilot Project – Accessible Loading Zone Ramps – Received for information</li></ul>
October	<u>Due to No Quorum – Meeting Cancelled.</u>
November	<u>Due to No Quorum – Meeting Cancelled.</u>

## **Appendix 2 – 2023 Expenditure**

There were no expenditures for 2023.