

ANNUAL REPORT AND WORK PLAN TEMPLATE

March 24, 2021

Secretary, Standing Policy Committee on Transportation

**Re: 2020 Annual Report and 2021 Work Plan – Saskatoon Accessibility
Advisory Committee (File No. CK. 430-1)**

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 2020 was as follows:

Members

- J. Adamson, Public
- N. Bear, Public
- D. Duong, Public
- S. Haines, Public
- B. Lehne, Public
- M. Rapko, Public
- C. Warlow, Public
- M. Montgomery, Saskatoon Council on Aging
- L. Scott, Spinal Cord Injury Saskatchewan
- C. Wisser, North Saskatchewan Independent Living Centre
- D. Mack, Vision Loss Rehabilitation Saskatchewan
- P. Andreas, Vision Loss Rehabilitation Saskatchewan
- A. Websdale, Saskatchewan Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

Resource Members

- Councillor Bev. Dubois

- Director of Transportation J. Magus
- Diversity Coordinator J. Fick-Dryka
- Senior Building Code Engineer C. Smith
- Access Transit Manager T. Davis
- Recreation Services Manager B. Pearson
- Facilities Manager D. Swerhone
- Director of Systemic Initiatives, Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission D. Seib

The 2021 membership on the Committee is as follows:

Members

- J. Adamson, Public
- N. Bear, Public
- D. Duong, Public
- D. Gilchrist, Public
- R. Gourley, Public
- S. Haines, Public
- B. Lehne, Public
- M. Loken, Public
- M. Rapko, Public
- M. Montgomery, Saskatoon Council on Aging
- C. Farnan, Spinal Cord Injury Saskatchewan
- C. Wisser, North Saskatchewan Independent Living Centre
- A. Nameth, CNIB Foundation Saskatchewan
- R. Holmes, Saskatchewan Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

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Work Plan Goals and Accomplishments

Due to COVID-19, the Committee was unable to meet and provide a 2020 workplan.

Appendix 1 provides a summary of key topics and resolutions by meeting, and Appendix 2 provides a summary of 2020 expenditures.

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

2020 Reports and Communications

Matters Referred by SPC or City Council

1. *Mildred Kerr - Safe Transportation for Ill Disabled Riders of Special Needs Transport [File No. CK 7305-1].* The Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee provided feedback to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation in support of direction that Access Transit has taken and furthermore indicated the need of partnerships to increase capacity.
 - Considered on January 10, 2020
2. *Membership of the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee [File No. CK. 25-70]* The Standing Policy Committee on Transportation, at its meeting held on January 13, 2020, considered a letter dated January 2, 2020 from Darren Gilchrist, President, Alliance for Equality of Blind Canadians (AEBC Saskatoon). The Committee resolved that the matter be referred to the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee for feedback to the Administration. Feedback was provided back to the Leadership Team Governance Subcommittee. Furthermore a communication was sent to the writer informing of vacancies on the Advisory Committee.
 - Considered on February 14, 2020
3. *Accessibility Considerations for Curbside Solid Waste Collection [File No. CK. 7830-3]* At the February 24, 2020 meeting of City Council, it was resolved that the report of the General Manager, Utilities & Environment Department dated January 13, 2020, be forwarded to the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee, with a specific request to propose a new name for the Special Needs Garbage Collection Service. The Committee provided 4 name options.
 - Considered on December 11, 2020

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. *Accessibility Considerations for Curbside Solid Waste Collection [File No. CK. 7830-3]* The Committee provided 4 naming options to the City Council.

- Considered on December 11, 2020

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 2020.

Work Plan for 2021

In 2021, Committee will focus on the following categories for their workplan:

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix 1 – 2020 Meeting Summary
2. Appendix 2 – 2020 Expenditures

Yours truly,



**Bill Lehne, Chair
Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee**

Appendix 1 – 2020 Meeting Summary – Key Topics and Resolutions

Meeting	Summary – Key Topics and Resolutions
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Lehne was appointed as Chair, and Chelsea Wisser was appointed as Vice Chair for 2020. • Safe Transportation for Ill Disabled Riders of Special Needs Transport – the Committee resolved 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. • Transportation Statistics and work plan were reviewed.
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and Awareness Subcommittee – Event Posters and Invites to be Sent • Communication – Darren Gilchrist - Agency Membership Inquiry on the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee. The Committee resolved that a letter be submitted to the writer advising of the public vacancies. • Official Community Plan Redesign – Administration provided a presentation on the Official Community Plan redesign as it relates to accessibility. • Education and Awareness Subcommittee Budget request for event. • 2019 Annual Report Draft was approved and the 2020 work plan discussion was deferred.
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and Awareness Subcommittee – The Event date and volunteers were confirmed. • 2020 Work Plan – The Committee discussed options and postponed finalizing as all members weren't present. • Subcommittee Membership was deferred.
April - Nov	Cancelled due to COVID-19
December	<p><u><i>Special meeting</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessibility Considerations for Curbside Solid Waste Collection – The Committee provided 4 naming options.

Appendix 2 – 2020 Expenditure

There were no expenditures for 2020.