



## **PUBLIC MINUTES**

### **SASKATOON ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**September 13, 2024, 12:00 p.m.  
via teleconference, hosted from Council Chamber**

- PRESENT:**
- Julia Adamson, Public, Chair
  - Darren Gilchrist, Public, Vice Chair
  - Christine Anaka, Public
  - Robert Gourley, Public
  - Mark Kennedy, Public
  - Alanda McLeod, Saskatchewan Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
  - Karthik Babu Menon, Spinal Cord Injury Saskatchewan Inc.
  - Steven Schneider, Public
  - Amanda Titman, Vision Loss Rehabilitation Saskatchewan (CNIB)
- ABSENT:**
- Adeola Fadakinte, Public
  - Chelsea Wisser, The Ability Hub YXE
- ALSO PRESENT:**
- Robin Mowat - Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission Director, Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Stryker Calvez
  - Director of Building Standards Kara Fagnou
  - Access Transit Manager Brittany Hadley
  - Director of Transportation Jay Magus
  - Committee Assistant Holly Thompson
- ABSENT:**
- Councillor Bev Dubois
  - Organizational Development Consultant Thiago Prado
  - Recreation Services Manager Michelle Wolfe

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order on Treaty 6 Territory and the Traditional Homeland of the Métis People and confirmed roll call.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

**Moved By:** R. Gourley

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Moved By:** C. Anaka

That the minutes of regular meeting held on June 14, 2024 of the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6. VERBAL UPDATES**

**6.1 REPORT OF THE CHAIR [CK. 225-70]**

*This is opportunity for the Chair to provide a verbal update on his/her activities since the last meeting.*

Julia Adamson provided an update on the following:

Flag of Overcoming

The Committee was informed that there is a flag that represents people who have disabilities called the Flag of Overcoming with the colors of three metals: gold, silver, and bronze.

Accessibility Action Plan Status

The Committee was informed that the City of Regina has had their public engagement sessions and approved their Regina Accessibility Plan which lays out 60 actions over the next 10 years.

**Moved By:** C. Anaka

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

## **6.2 COMMITTEE OR RESOURCE MEMBER UPDATE [CK. 225-70]**

*To provide an opportunity for a Committee or resource member to update on issues, trends, events, etc. that pertain to the Committee's mandate.*

### **6.2.1 D. Gilchrist - Accessible Pedestrian Signal Volume**

Darren Gilchrist provided a verbal update and inquired as to the accessible pedestrian signal volume.

Director of Transportation Magus advised the members that the City does not have a bylaw that outlines the operation of accessible pedestrian signals (APS) throughout the city. The current practice is to follow national guidance provided by TAC in the Guidelines for Understanding, Use, and Implementation of Accessible Pedestrian Signals for both the locating tone and APS indications (crossing sounds). This guidance aims to balance the needs of low vision pedestrians while mitigating sound impacts on the surrounding neighborhood. The Administration will review locations that have been identified as to the volume being too low.

**Moved By:** R. Gourley

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

### **6.2.2 D. Gilchrist - Registering with Access Transit**

Darren Gilchrist provided a verbal update and inquired as to the registering with Access Transit.

Access Transit Manager Brittany Hadley responded by providing clarification as to the doctor field of the form, the steps to register and where to get forms. The Committee was advised that a CNIB card is used to determine fare and not eligibility for the services.

**Moved By:** D. Gilchrist

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

### **6.3 SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE [CK. 225-70]**

*This is an opportunity for the subcommittees to update the Committee.*

No updates were provided.

#### **6.3.1 Education and Awareness Subcommittee**

#### **6.3.2 Deafblind Subcommittee**

## **7. REFERRALS FROM COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE**

### **7.1 Accessibility Action Plan Status [TS2024-0804]**

The Standing Policy Committee on Transportation, at its meeting held on August 06, 2024, considered the above-noted matter and resolved in part that the report be forwarded to the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee for information.

Project Services Manager Yong-Hung presented the report and along with Director of Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Calvez responded to questions of the Committee.

**Moved By:** C. Anaka

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

## **8. WORK PLAN CONSIDERATION**

*In accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference, it shall submit an annual report outlining the previous year's accomplishments and a work plan for the upcoming year.*

No update was provided.

### **8.1 WORK PLAN AND REFERRALS TO STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE [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.*

*In 2024, Committee will focus on the following categories for their workplan:*

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

**9. BUDGET - STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES [CK. 1704-5]**

The current Statement of Expenditures was provided by the Committee's information.

The Committee reviewed the current Statement of Expenditures.

**Moved By:** R. Gourley

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

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J. Adamson, Chair

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Committee Assistant H. Thompson