

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

December 18, 2024

Deputy City Clerk, Standing Policy Committee on Transportation

**Re: 2024 Annual Report – Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee  
[ADV2025-0101]**

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 2024 was as follows:

#### **Members**

- J. Adamson, Public
- C. Anaka, Public
- A. Fadakinte, Public
- R. Gourley, Public
- M. Kennedy, Public
- D. Gilchrist, Public
- K. Babu Menon, Spinal Cord Injury Saskatchewan
- S. Schneider, Public
- C. Wisser, Ability Hub YXE
- A. Titman, Vision Loss Rehabilitation Saskatchewan
- A. McLeod, Saskatchewan Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

#### **Resource Members**

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

- Organizational Development Consultant T. Prado
- Senior Building Code Engineer D. Ramsay (to July 2024)
- Access Transit Manager B. Hadley
- Recreation Services Manager M. Wolfe
- Director of Systemic Initiatives, Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission R. Mowat

### **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 2024 expenditures.

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

### **2024 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. **Update to Saskatoon's City Centre and District Plan [DEED2023-01]** - The Committee received the report as information and forwarded a letter to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation thanking them for the opportunity to review the information and continue to keep the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee involved in the engagement for this project.
  - Considered June 14, 2024
2. **Accessibility Action Plan Status [TS2024-0804]** – The Committee reviewed the matter and resolved that the information be received.
  - Considered September 13, 2024

#### **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:**

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

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

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

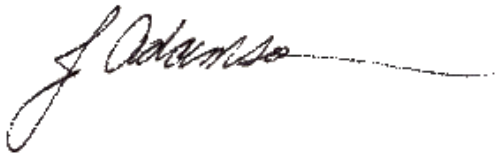
**Communication by Committee Representatives (Chair, Vice-Chair, or designate) to the local media:**

There were no matters communicated by Chair, Vice-Chair or designate to the local media for 2024.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Appendix 1 – 2024 Meeting Summary
2. Appendix 2 – 2024 Expenditures

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julia Adamson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Julia Adamson, Chair  
Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee**

### Appendix 1 – 2024 Meeting Summary – Key Topics and Resolutions

Meeting	Summary – Key Topics and Resolutions
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Julia Adamson was appointed as Chair, and Darren Gilchrist was appointed as Vice Chair for 2024.</li> <li>• Committee was provided an orientation.</li> <li>• 2024 membership was confirmed.</li> <li>• The meeting format was confirmed.</li> <li>• Education and Awareness Subcommittee provided a report on follow up on hosting an expo.</li> <li>• Administrative responses were provided on accessibility barriers for the DEED engagement and painted designated accessible parking spots and adjacent alleyways.</li> <li>• Committee discussed the budget.</li> </ul>
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received verbal updates.</li> <li>• Education and Awareness Subcommittee’s report on hosting an expo was reviewed.</li> <li>• Workplan confirmed for submission.</li> </ul>
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received verbal updates.</li> <li>• Education and Awareness Subcommittee’s report on educational materials was deferred.</li> <li>• Deafblind Subcommittee will be meeting with the Administration to strategize accessible reporting.</li> <li>• Committee discussed the budget.</li> </ul>
April	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Due to No Items - Meeting Cancelled.</i></u></p>
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received verbal updates.</li> <li>• Education and Awareness Subcommittee’s report on educational materials was discussed.</li> </ul>
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report considered - Update to Saskatoon’s City Centre and District Plan [DEED2023-01]</li> </ul>
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee Member Inquiry – Accessible Pedestrian Signal Volume – Administration addressed an inquiry related to the volume on the Accessible Pedestrian Signals.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Committee Member Inquiry – Registering with Access Transit – Administration advised the Committee how to register.</li><li>• Report considered - Accessibility Action Plan Status [TS2024-0804]</li></ul>
October	No meeting due to Civic Election.
November	No meeting due to Civic Election.

## **Appendix 2 – 2024 Expenditure**

There were no expenditures for 2024.