



**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC MINUTES  
SASKATOON ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Friday, October 10, 2014, at 12:00 (noon)  
Committee Room "A"**

**PRESENT:** Mr. R. East, Chair  
Mr. J.D. McNabb, Vice-Chair  
Ms. J. Dean  
Ms. G. Kozlow  
Ms. O. Nicholson  
Councillor M. Loewen  
Director of Community Development L. Lacroix

**ALSO PRESENT:** Access Transit Supervisor D. Campbell  
Parking Services Manager P. Haughn  
Director of Transportation A. Gardiner  
Roadways Manager E. Quail  
Committee Assistant D. Sackmann

**ABSENT:** Councillor T. Davies  
Director of Facilities and Fleet Management T. Halstead  
Ms. J. Dawson

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

**Moved By:** Mr. McNabb

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

**CARRIED**

### **3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

#### **3.1 Minutes**

**Moved By:** Mr. McNabb

That the minutes of September 12, 2014 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### **4. Report of Access Transit Manager (File No. CK. 225-70)**

Access Transit Supervisor Campbell was in attendance representing Access Transit. The Committee was provided with some information from her current attendance at a Government of Saskatchewan forum on access transit.

The following two recommendations from the above mentioned forum were shared with the Committee:

- 1) Ensure availability of accessible, safe and affordable transportation for people with disabilities.
- 2) Ensure passenger-focused transportation services for people with disabilities.

**Moved By:** Ms. Kozlow

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

### **5. Accessible Parking (File No. CK. 6120-1)**

Parking Services Manager Haughn was in attendance and updated the Committee on accessible parking:

- Permit parking meters process will remain status quo until the new system is put in place. The new system will involve license plate monitoring by vehicle recognition.

- Starting in April 2015 parking permit stickers previously issued will be replaced by smart cards. The smart cards will be used to input the license plate number of the permit holder's vehicle into a pay station.
- A comprehensive Downtown parking strategy is currently being undertaken by the Administration and is slated for completion November 2015. As part of the study disabled parking will be addressed.

Discussion followed.

**Moved By:** Ms. Dean

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**6. Medical Parking Spots for Disabled (File No. CK. 6120-1)**

Parking Services Manager Haughn along with the Director of Transportation updated the Committee on the use of disabled parking spots outside of medical offices.

Currently anyone holding a disabled parking permit can park in loading zones around medical facilities. It was acknowledged that loading zones are at times small for access transit vehicles to utilize.

Disabled parking spots are on a demand basis. Typically the request for these spots comes from individuals where a medical office is situated. It is then investigated to determine where the best spot for installation would be.

The Administration is intending to allocate additional signed disabled zones near medical facilities based on user demand.

**Moved By:** Ms. Kozlow

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

## **7. Snow Removal and Snow Removal Bylaw Enforcement (File No. CK. 6290-1)**

Roadways Manager Quail along with Director of Transportation Gardiner were both in attendance and provided the Committee with an update on the above noted matters.

The following is a summary of the information that was provided to the Committee:

- A snow event is based on 5 cm of snow fall or greater and takes into account snow density.
- The response time for clearing roadways for accessibility is 72 hours after the last snow falls. Roadway priorities are followed, for example, Priority 1 streets include the freeway and major roads like 22<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- Some of the snow removal work has been contracted out with the purpose of generating a faster response time to getting roads cleared.
- Snow removal service is reviewed each season and adjustments and improvements are made as required.
- There is a sidewalk clearing bylaw that is enforced by a bylaw inspector. We have to continue to ensure that property owners know what is required of them.
- A snow removal bylaw report will be going to City Council in the near future pertaining to the matter of snow removal bylaw enforcement.
- In conjunction with the new corporate alignment a new Division has been created. The Community Standards Division will be responsible for bylaw enforcement programs and activities and is set to be operational for January 1, 2015.

Discussion followed.

Mr. East excused himself from the meeting at 12:57 p.m. Mr. McNabb assumed the Chair.

**Moved By:** Ms. Kozlow

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

## **8. Matters for Follow Up (File No. CK. 225-70)**

The Committee Secretary submitted a copy of the Committee's follow-up list for review and the Committee reviewed as follows:

It was noted that there had been no recent updates on the matters of Accessible Audible Pedestrian Signals, Accessible Calling-Out Bus Stops and the Saskatoon Field House.

### Snow Removal

Roadways Manager Quail along with Director of Transportation Gardiner were both in attendance and provided the Committee with an update on snow removal and snow removal bylaw enforcement.

### Kinsmen Park Upgrade

The upgrade to the Potash Play Land at Kinsmen Park is proceeding well and on schedule. The new playground installed in the park will have accessible components as will the rides at the Potash Play Land.

### Disabled Parking

Parking Services Manager P. Haughn provided the Committee with an update on accessible parking and disabled parking spots outside of medical offices.

### Website Redesign

Development on the City website continues and is progressing well. An internal launch of the site is scheduled for end of November with the public launch set for the end of the year or early in the new year. Public feedback continues to be sought and can be provided at <http://new.saskatoon.ca/> providing feedback will help ensure the accessibility of the website.

Mendel Art Gallery Site

The Children's Discovery Museum has been approved by City Council as the new tenant for the Mendel Art Gallery facility. The potential move-in-date is set for some time in 2017. The Children's Discovery Museum business plan is trying to ensure the facility is accessible for people of all ages including looking at the possibility of installing an elevator to the downstairs.

**Moved By:** Ms. Dean

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**9. Statement of Expenditures (File No. CK. 151-7)**

The Committee Assistant submitted a copy of the Committee's current Statement of Expenditures.

**Moved By:** Ms. Dean

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**10. Adjournment**

**Moved By:** Ms. Kozlow

That the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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Mr. R. East, Chair