



**PUBLIC AGENDA  
SASKATOON ACCESSIBILITY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Friday, October 13, 2017, 12:00 p.m.

Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall

Committee Members:

Mr. J.D. McNabb, Chair

Ms. J. Dawson, Vice Chair

Councillor H. Gough

Councillor Z. Jeffries

Ms. M. Baxter

Ms. G. Kozlow

Director of Community Development L. Lacroix

Director of Facilities & Fleet Management T. LaFreniere

Ms. O. Nicholson

Ms. C. Warlow

Pages

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

**Recommendation**

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

**Recommendation**

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee held on September 8, 2017, be adopted.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Chair will provide a verbal update.

**Recommendation**

That the information be received.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS**

**7.1 Dedicated Bike Lanes [File No.100-17 x 6000-5] 3 - 4**

A letter dated September 1, 2017 from the Saskatoon and District Safety Committee is provided.

**Recommendation**

That the information be received.

**7.2 Bus Route Relocation and Window Decals Request [File No. CK. 7300-1] 5 - 5**

A letter dated August 28, 2017 from Ms. Helena Kary is provided.

**Recommendation**

That the information be received.

**8. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

**9. PLAYGROUND ACTIVITY UPDATE [File No.1704-5]**

The Committee held an activity to identify accessibility needs in playgrounds on September 8, 2017. A verbal update will be provided.

**Recommendation**

That the information be received.

**10. MATTERS FOR FOLLOW UP (CK. 225-70) 6 - 12**

The Matters for Follow Up as of October 4, 2017, is provided to the Committee to review.

**Recommendation**

That the information be received.

**11. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES (CK. 1704-5) 13 - 13**

Attached is the current statement of expenditures.

**Recommendation**

That the information be received.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Accessibility Advisory Committee  
Ms. Holly Thompson, Committee Assistant  
City Clerk's Office

The following is a copy of the email sent to all council members from the Saskatoon and District Safety Council regarding dedicated bicycle lanes in downtown Saskatoon. We would appreciate if you would share this with the members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Thank-you,  
Al Reichert  
[a.reichert@sasktel.net](mailto:a.reichert@sasktel.net)  
Media Relations Officer  
Saskatoon and District Safety Council



Mayor Charlie Clark  
Mayor  
City of Saskatoon  
Saskatoon, SK

Your Worship:

The Saskatoon and District Safety Council has studied and discussed the use of dedicated bicycle lanes on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Saskatoon during the past year. We understand that this is a pilot project which will end in the fall of 2017 and a decision will be made on the evidence gained from the project. The Saskatoon and District Safety Council (SDSC) would like to inform you of the considerations that we feel should be taken into account in making your final decision regarding protected bicycle lanes.

The major concern is for access to parking for persons with mobility problems. Having the parking moved out from the curb has created a problem for persons with mobility problems. Those who use wheelchairs and walkers find that they are far from the sidewalk after parking beside the bicycle lanes. It is not easy to cross the bicycle lane and then access the sidewalk as the conveyance has to be raised anywhere from 12 to 20 centimetres. It is impossible for motorized wheelchairs and scooters to climb the curb to the sidewalk.

Drivers with wheelchairs or scooters must park next to the curb to lower the lift and for the conveyance onto the sidewalk, thus blocking the bicycle lane and then using that lane until they come to an alley and then access the sidewalk. Some of our Safety Council members have family members with mobility problems and have stated that they refuse to use 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street as it is dangerous for their family members to access the sidewalk after parking.

Cyclists have a big advantage over persons who use wheelchairs, etc. – the cyclist can get off the bicycle and become a pedestrian. **The person in the wheelchair has no options.** For example, a person using a wheelchair, etc. has limited options for accessing City Hall, Committee Room E and the Frances Morrison Library without blocking the bicycle lanes – park on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and travel on the side walk to access the buildings which is more than one block.

A lot of cities are installing protected bicycle lanes. There are published engineering standards for their design. Does the Saskatoon design conform to the published engineering design standards?

If Saskatoon City Council determines that protected bicycle lanes are necessary then SDSC suggest that in order to solve the access problem for persons with mobility problems, the most reasonable solution would be an extension of the sidewalk into the street so that parking

and access would be at the new curb thus eliminating the major access problem for persons with mobility problems and still providing enough space for cyclists.

The Saskatoon and District Safety Council encourages City Council to consider our concerns related to dedicated bicycle lanes. Access for persons with mobility problems must be a major factor in making your decision.

Brian Fehr  
President  
Saskatoon and District Safety Council  
September 1, 2017

[brian.julie@sasktel.net](mailto:brian.julie@sasktel.net)



August 28. 2017

"Hello" Mayor Charlie Clark,

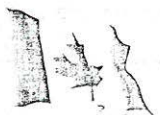
Ever since the buses that came to 1925 - The Malure highrise building on the West side of our building. "our main entrance" were we walked in and out of the building to the bus shelter. here we could go on to go to Centre Park Mall. and from the mall take the bus home. This shelter is on the West side. Now the last change that was done we are to take the bus to go to the Mall on the south side of the building, we cannot come in to the building on the south side. The dust, stones, and the gas from traffic, is terrible. We people with respiratory conditions, this is a very serious problem.

Also please remove the decades of the windows. They can be put anywhere on the buses, but not covering the windows. We the people on the buses, cannot see where we are going. We need to see buildings where they are when we have appointments.

What are windows for?  
Houses, cars, trucks do not <sup>have</sup> windows covered.

I am sorry about the terrible writing. I must mention City Hall had a phone call from the office <sup>in 2011</sup> when the last change at Mc Kercher Drive. But unanswered.  
I sincerely ask to please, please, bring the buses back, as to how they were before the last change was done. Bring them back. September 2017

Thank you kindly  
Helena Kary



Helena Kary  
802 - 1825 McKercher Drive  
Saskatoon, SK S7H 5N5

# Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee Matters for Follow-up

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## Snow Removal

Accessibility and Criteria for Snow Removal on Sidewalks and Accessibility of Saskatoon Streets

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### **January 13, 2016**

Committee Assistant to request Administration attendance for update on snow clearing on roadways and sidewalks.

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### **October 15, 2015**

Director of Community Standards, Hildebrandt gave a brief update on the snow removal clearing bylaw. Mr. Hildebrandt stated that it was Community Standards main goal to keep the sidewalks clear and putting the responsibility on the homeowner rather than the City.

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### **June 12, 2015**

Dir. of Community Standards Hildebrandt gave a brief update on the snow clearing bylaw similar to what was presented to the Committee in Feb. 2015.

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### **May 8, 2015**

Email from M. Simmonds was discussed. No further updates were provided.

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### **March 13, 2015**

Dir. of Community Services Lacroix informed the Committee that awareness campaigns continue to be worked on in order to help make the city more accessible for everyone. The City also understands that they have to be role models by ensuring snow is being removed from City-owned property.

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### **February 13, 2015**

Dir. of Community Standards Hildebrandt gave an update on sidewalk snow clearing enforcement report being presented to City Council at their Feb. 23/15 mtg.

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### **January 9, 2015**

Dir. of Transportation Gardiner and Dir. of Community Standards Hildebrandt gave an update on snow removal bylaw enforcement report.

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### Accessible Audible Pedestrian Signals (APS)

The matter has been put back on the follow-up list after Sept. 11/15 meeting to further determine course of action.

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#### **October 9, 2015**

80/275 signalized intersections in Saskatoon are equipped with audible pedestrian signal devices. There is work being done to retrofit existing high pedestrian traffic intersections with APS. New development areas will have APS installed.

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#### **February 12, 2016**

Planning and Development, Senior Planner Lau spoke and answered questions of the Committee regarding pedestrian signals in the Downtown area.

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#### **October 9, 2015**

Traffic Operations Engineer, Transportations Lazic gave an update on the downtown audible pedestrian signals. Mr. Lazic reported that since the last Committee meeting held on September 11, 2015 that all audible pedestrian signals have been replaced, or fixed.

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#### **September 11, 2015**

G. Lazic and J. Magus both with COS Transportation Division presented a letter written by the Transportation & Utilities Department to the AEBC, Stoon Chapter addressing this matter. Mr. Lazic will update the Committee in Oct. on the 25<sup>th</sup> St. & Idylwyld Dr. intersection.

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### Disabled Parking

The matter has been put back on the follow-up list after Sept. 11/15 meeting to further determine course of action.

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**Sept 8/17 – The Committee heard a citizens concern and request an update from Administration on the following.**

- the design aspect of the parking spots and curb ramps and complete streets considerations.
  - Development regulations related to these.
  - The overall design and functionality of the parking spots.
  - Number of available and designated parking spots for.
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**Sept. 9/16 –** Y. Li, Transportation & Utilities, reviewed the submitted report regarding proposed loading zones policy & disabled parking zones policy. The Committee resolved that the Admin look into options for placing a term-limit on residential loading zones and look into options for follow-up regarding tracking the removal of these signs & update the Committee at a later date. L. Saar, Community Services updated the Committee regarding loading zone placards and loading zone sticker issuance along with the installation of loading zones.

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**Feb. 12/16 –** Community Standards, Director Hildebrandt spoke and answered questions of the Committee regarding the disability placards and stickers for parking.

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**Nov. 13/15 –** The Committee discussed the availability of Handicapped Parking Stalls in front of businesses in Saskatoon. The Committee suggested that the Director of Community Standards Hildebrandt attend the January 8, 2016 meeting.

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**Oct. 9/15 –** Director of Community Standards, Hildebrandt provided an update on the intent of future work to more accessible parking spots and their size; loading zones; and asked the Committee their views on the permit parking policy and what they believe is needed. The Committee agreed that the City should continue to use both the stickers and vehicles tags, as well as, moving to more defined impaired parking spots.

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**Sept. 11/15 –** It was determined to invite Dir. of Community Standards Hildebrandt to the Oct. mtg. to provide an update.

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**Jun 12/15 –** Dir. of Community Standards Hildebrandt provided an update on the intent of future to accessibility spots and their size, loading zones, and a review of the permit parking policy. Administration welcomes feedback from the public on any parking services project.

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**May 8/15** – G. Kozlow circulated a Star Phoenix article on the shortage of downtown disabled parking. It was suggested to invite parking services administration for an update.

**Mar 13/15** – There are a few glitches with the new system that are being rectified. Max. time currently allowed to park is 90 mins., meters work by inputting the vehicle license, payment at the meters can be cash, credit card or PayPal, parking ambassadors are patrolling the streets to assist the public with the operation of the new meters.

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**Jan 9/15** – Parking issues/concerns are to be addressed to Community Standards Division. Parking policies are being reviewed through the 2015 Parking Study.

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### Public Transit and Access Transit - Accessible Calling Out Bus Stops

Follow up as appropriate

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#### January 13, 2016

Approximately 30 Access transit buses in the current fleet. All buses have automated voice announcements.

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**October 9, 2015** – Access Transit Manager, Bob Howe was in attendance and provided an update to the Committee on the Access Transit Annual Report. Mr. Howe updated the Committee on the following:

- Seeking information from the public regarding their personal limitations with Transit and Access Transit buses.
- The future idea is to have all buses be more accessible for those with mobility issues, including turning radius, announcements over the speakers, and digital destination boards.

Operations Managers, Michael Moellenbeck and Harold Matthies spoke and answered questions of the Committee on Transit updates. Mr. Matthies and Mr. Moellenbeck updated the Committee on the following:

- Transit is looking at developing a mobile app based system for the public to use regarding public transit.
  - Training bus drivers to become more of a 'tour guide bus driver' to aid those impaired when taking the bus to aid the public that take the bus.
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**September 11, 2015** – Committee members shared experiences from Aug. 26/15 regarding their participation with Saskatoon Transit Voice Announcement System (ITS). On-going issues remain with bus drivers not calling out bus stops.

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**May 8, 2015** – Access Transit Manager Howe was updated on staff inconsistencies with calling out bus stops.

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**March 13, 2015** – All buses are now part of the new tracking system implemented due to the new City website. Some staff continues to not call out bus stops.

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## Sidewalks and Access Ramps

Action Plan for Accessibility and Safety Sidewalks and Access Ramps Accessibility of Saskatoon

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### January 12, 2016

Curb ramps are being installed in new neighbourhood designs. The city developed a 10 year plan to address priority locations for curb ramps.

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### February 12, 2016

Major Projects, Traffic Management Engineer Frank spoke on the city-wide sidewalk assessment study that took place and answered questions for the Committee and answered questions of the Committee regarding the city-wide sidewalk assessment study. Discussion ensued regarding sidewalk safety and access ramps in the Downtown area. The Committee shared their appreciation toward the improvements made so far on the sidewalks.

Planning and Development, Senior Planner Lau spoke and answered questions of the Committee regarding plans for 2016 sidewalk improvements. Mr. Lau shared Urban Design's upgrade to the tree grates on the sidewalks and the improvements they have made to them and future plans pertaining to tree grates.

Transportation, Traffic Management Engineer Matt spoke and answered questions of the Committee regarding access ramps throughout the city. Discussion ensued regarding the condition of access ramps and funding for improvements.

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## **Establishing Accessible Design Standards for New Buildings, Renovated Buildings and New Areas of Saskatoon.**

Ensuring an enhanced accessibility level

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**January 13, 2017**

Committee discussed the sidewalk accessibility at the new hotel site adjacent to the Saskatoon Fieldhouse. Director of Recreation and Community Development Lacroix to provide an update regarding the site plan related to accessibility. Accessibility at linear parks was another subject of discussion.

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**Budget for the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee**

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		Beginning Balance			0			<b>\$3,000</b>
10/3/2017	R579452	AV Shuttle - Shuttle Service for members to activity	220.5		220.5		220.5	\$2,780
		<b>Remaining Balance</b>						<b>\$2,780</b>