



**PUBLIC AGENDA  
SASKATOON ACCESSIBILITY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Friday, February 10, 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

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

**Recommendation**

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Recommendation**

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee held on January 13, 2017, be adopted.

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

**6. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

**6.1 Report of the Access Transit Manager (CK. 225-70)**

*Verbal Update - B. Howe, Access Transit Manager*

**Recommendation**

That the information be received.

**7. 2016 ANNUAL REPORT**

*A draft annual report will be circulated prior to the meeting for review and approval prior to forwarding to the Standing Policy Committee on Finance to submit to City Council.*

**Recommendation**

That the direction of the Committee issue.

**8. MATTERS FOR FOLLOW UP (CK. 225-70)**

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Director of Roadways and Operations Harris will be in attendance to provide an update on snow clearing status.

Attached is a copy of the Committee's follow-up list for review.

**Recommendation**

That the information be received.

**9. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES (CK. 1704-5)**

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**Recommendation**

That the direction of the Committee issue.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

# 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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# Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee

## Matters for Follow-up

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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. 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.

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**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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## Disabled Parking – Continued.

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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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## Matters for Follow-up

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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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**01-5576-103 - ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 2016 BUDGET - \$3,000**

DATE	NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE	GL	TOTAL SPENT	BUDGET REMAINING
		Beginning Balance			0			\$3,000
		Remaining Balance						\$3,000