



## Accessibility Advisory Committee

### MINUTES 12

Tuesday, 16 May 2017

6:30 p.m.

**Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue West**

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- Notes:**
1. *Please note that these Minutes are to be considered DRAFT until confirmed by Committee.*
  2. *Underlining indicates a new or amended recommendation approved by Committee.*

**Present:**                   **Chair: Brian Wade**  
                                  **Vice-Chair: Phillip Turcotte**  
                                  **Members: Daniel Boyer, Guy Desroches, Adele Furrie,**  
                                  **Victor Emerson, Murray Gallant and Don Patterson**

**Absent:**                   **Members Marc Dorion, Peter Morel and H el ene Nadeau**  
                                  **Councillor Shad Qadri (non-voting member)**

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were declared at this meeting however Vice-Chair Turcotte announced that he was recently appointed to the Employment Standards Development Committee under the *Accessibility for Ontarians Disabilities Act*. He also advised that he is currently employed with the Accessibility Division of the Office for Disability Issues, Department of Employment and Social Development Canada. He declared this information in the interest of the Committee and for future reference.

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes 10 - February 21, 2017

Special Meeting Minutes 11 - April 11, 2017

CONFIRMED

## COMMUNICATIONS

Response to Inquiries

- AAC 17-01 – Steering Committee on Vehicles-For-Hire
- AAC 01-16 – Conclusion of advisory committee meetings

## PRESENTATIONS

1. PARAPAY COMMUNITY PRESENTATION
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### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Accessibility Advisory Committee receive a presentation and provide feedback as appropriate.**

David Pepper, Manager, Customer Services, Transportation Department spoke to a PowerPoint Presentation which is held on file with the City Clerk and Solicitor.

Questions related to out-of-town customers and visitors, a communication plan to notify current customers, the audit of accessibility of locations and ticket sales booths. Discussions also included service animals and the process to get through the gates (to the trains).

After discussion, the Committee RECEIVED this item for information and advised that further questions and comments were to be forwarded to staff through the Committee Coordinator.

## CITY CLERK AND SOLICITOR DEPARTMENT

### 2. 2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

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#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**That the Accessibility Advisory Committee appoint two to three members to meet with the Elections Office in preparation for the 2018 Municipal Elections.**

Tyler Cox, Manager of Legislative Services provided a brief introduction to this item. The following members volunteered to participate in the working group:

- Chair Wade
- Vice-Chair Turcotte
- Member Daniel Boyer
- Member Adele Furrie; and
- Member Don Patterson

After discussion, the Committee approved the following motion:

#### MOTION N<sup>o</sup>. 12 / 1

Moved by Vice-Chair Turcotte,

**That the Accessibility Advisory Committee appoint Chair Wade, Vice-Chair Turcotte, Members Boyer, Furrie and Patterson to meet with the Elections Office in preparation for the 2018 Municipal Elections.**

CARRIED

3. ACCESSIBILITY OFFICE UPDATE

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**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Accessibility Advisory Committee receive the presentation and provide feedback as appropriate.**

Lucille Berlinguette-Saumure, Corporate Accessibility Specialist provided a verbal update on the following topics :

- Accessibility Forum: May 17, 2017 at the Carleton University campus from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Accessibility Working Group: the working group has been re-instated and the name will stay the same.
- Communications: Mr. Cox has been working with staff of the Public Information and Media Relations Branch to include persons with disabilities and their outreach communications plan. With respect to this matter, Mr. Cox advised that after the last AAC meeting on April 11, 2017, he had a discussion with Member Patterson on this topic and took the liberty of preparing a motion for Committee consideration.

The Committee agreed to take a brief recess at 7:55 p.m. to read the motion.

Upon resuming the meeting at 8:05 p.m., Member Patterson introduced the following as a Notice of Motion:

*WHEREAS the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (“AODA”) governs accessibility for public sector organizations such as the City of Ottawa; and*

*WHEREAS the AODA recognizes the “the history of discrimination against persons with disabilities in Ontario”; and*

*WHEREAS some Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee have observed that people with disabilities are sometimes missing from the City’s communications materials, including advertisements and materials at open houses hosted by the City; and*

*WHEREAS the City of Ottawa 2015-2018 Strategic Plan includes the Strategic Initiative of “Creating an Accessible City for All”; and*

*WHEREAS the Accessibility Advisory Committee is a resource to staff, providing input on matters being pursued to achieve Council’s strategic priorities;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Accessibility Advisory Committee request that the City include people with disabilities in its communication materials; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Accessibility Advisory Committee request that, whenever practicable, the Public Information and Media Relations Branch provide information to the Committee about how the City includes people with disabilities in its various communications plans and how it monitors conformity in this area.*

The Committee agreed to add this motion to the next Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) agenda.

Upon conclusion, the Committee RECEIVED this item for information and provided for following direction:

**ACTION:** Coordinator to invite staff from the Public Information and Media Relations Branch at the next AAC meeting scheduled for September 19, 2017.

#### 4. WORKING GROUP UPDATES

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##### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Accessibility Advisory Committee receive the updates for information.**

The Committee received briefing notes on the following consultation meetings:

- Trans Orléans Pathway (Member Desroches)
- Rural Bus Stop Criteria (Member Boyer)
- Haliburton Park / Fernbank (Member Furrie)

- Brittany Drive Watermain construction (Member Desroches)

Chair Wade also provided an update on the mid-term orientation session that was held on May 4, 2017 that was hosted by the City Clerk and Solicitor. He thanked Mr. O'Connor for the training and the information provided during the session.

The Committee also reviewed the currently list of Working Group and noted changes to the membership.

**ACTION:** Coordinator to update the Working Group List accordingly and circulate to members.

#### NOTICES OF MOTIONS (FOR CONSIDERATION AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING)

The following Notice of Motion, provided by Member Patterson, was introduced during the discussion pertaining to item 3 – Accessibility Office Update:

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## INQUIRIES

Vice-Chair Turcotte submitted the following inquiry:

1. Would the City of Ottawa's purchase of the Presto fare payment system have met the AODA & City's accessible procurement requirements had those requirements been in place when the Presto system was purchased?
2. Would it be acceptable under the City's current procurement policies and requirements, from an accessibility standpoint, to purchase a fare payment/management system that would work on OC Transpo conventional service but not on Para Transpo?
3. Does the Presto system's inability to be used on Para Transpo meet the spirit and intent of the AODA?

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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**Committee Coordinator**

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**Chair**