



Accessibility Advisory Committee

MINUTES 14

Tuesday, 21 November 2017

6:30 p.m.

Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue West

- 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, Marc Dorion, Adele Furrie, Murray Gallant, Peter Morel, H el ene Nadeau and Don Patterson

Councillor Shad Qadri (non-voting member)

Absent: **Member Victor Emerson**

Others: **Lucille Berlinguette-Saumure, Accessibility Specialist**
Nelson Edwards, Senior Project Manager, Transportation Planning
Justin Swan, Senior Project Engineer, Area Traffic Management, Transportation Services

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were declared.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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CONFIRMED

COMMUNICATIONS

Response to Inquiries

- AAC 17-06 - Employment opportunities for people with disabilities

POSTPONEMENTS AND DEFERRALS

1. MOTION – COMMUNICATIONS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

CITY WIDE

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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.

Member Patterson provided an update to the Committee on the meeting with staff from Public Information and Media Relations (PIMR) in regards to the above-noted motion. He emphasized that the City is already promoting accessibility and will continue to do so. Lucille Berlinguette-Saumure, Accessibility Specialist advised that PIMR staff offered to attend a future AAC meeting.

It was also noted that correspondence was circulated to AAC from Forward Movement with statistics on the benefits of the suggested change to the accessibility symbol. Vice-Chair Turcotte advised that he would prepare a motion in this regard for consideration at the next meeting.

After discussion, the Committee CARRIED the motion as presented.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

2. ALBERT STREET AND SLATER STREET CORRIDORS (EMPRESS TO WALLER) FUNCTIONAL DESIGN STUDY

SOMERSET (14)
RIDEAU-VANIER (12)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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

Nelson Edwards, Senior Project Manager, Transportation Planning spoke to a PowerPoint Presentation, which is held on file with the City Clerk and Solicitor.

Questions and responses were with respect to comparisons of other cities, cost analysis, accessible parking permits, rest areas and landscaping.

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.

3. TRAFFIC CALMING DESIGN GUIDELINES

CITY WIDE

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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

Justin Swan, Senior Project Engineer, Area Traffic Management, Transportation Services spoke to a PowerPoint Presentation and was accompanied by Heidi Cousineau, Program Manager, Area Traffic Management. A copy of the presentation is held on file with the City Clerk and Solicitor.

Questions and suggestions from members were in regards to, but not limited to:

- How accessibility should be separate from cycling and pedestrians;
- Should have a safety zone surrounding Tactile Walking Surface Indicators (TWSIs) and review other jurisdictions in relation to TWSIs;
- Include a representative of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind on the working group; and
- Use plain language for the guidelines.

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. The following direction was provided:

ACTION: Staff to circulate the revised full set of guidelines to the Committee for final comment.

CITY CLERK AND SOLICITOR DEPARTMENT

4. 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, Accessibility Specialist provided an overview of a new process on how staff consult with the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC). Some of the points she highlighted are below:

- Pilot Project to begin in January 2018 with a review in Q1 2019;
- Two forms have been developed (Request form and Feedback form). Presentation format has also been standardized; and
- AAC Coordinator to monitor the process and results.

The Committee expressed their appreciation to staff in regards to facilitating the process and RECEIVED the item for information.

ACTION: Staff to circulate forms to Committee members.

5. 2018 BUDGET

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee provide recommendations to the appropriate standing committees as appropriate.

Chair Wade provided a brief overview of the working group meeting in regard to the 2018 budget noting that there will be a standard theme in the each AAC presentations to Standing Committees. He thanked Lucille Berlinguette-Saumure, Accessibility Specialist with her leadership on the budget process.

Committee confirmed the following:

- Member Helene Nadeau, as lead, will present to the Transit Commission on December 4, 2017
- Member M. Gallant, as lead, will present to the Finance and Economic Development Committee on December 5, 2017
- Member H. Nadeau, as lead, will present to the Transportation Committee on December 6, 2017
- Member A. Furrie, as lead, will present to the Community and Protective Services Committee on December 7, 2017.

Member H. Nadeau volunteered to prepare the standard introduction for all the presentations. After discussion, the Committee approved the following motion:

AAC MOTION N°. 14 / 1

Moved by P. Turcotte

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee approve that the working group leads prepare their respective budget presentations and circulate to AAC members prior to presenting to the Standing Committees.

CARRIED

4. MEETING SCHEDULE – 2018

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee confirm the 2018 meeting schedule.

CARRIED

5. WORKING GROUP UPDATES

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee receive the updates for information.

Various members provided updates on the following activities:

- Older Adult Plan and Seniors Roundtable (A. Furrie)
- Site Plans (M. Gallant)
- Environmental Assessment meetings (D. Patterson)
- Connecting on Disability and Abuse (CODA) (D. Boyer and G. Desroches)

- Lester Road Environmental Assessment (B. Wade)
- Taxi Levy Steering Committee (B. Wade)
- Elgin Street Revitalization Project (B. Wade)

OTHER BUSINESS

BOOTH STREET FACILITY

It was originally the intent of staff to present the above-noted item at this meeting, however due to the limited timelines, staff was unable to attend and requested to meet with two members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee. Members P. Morel and D. Murray volunteered to attend a meeting on November 29, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

ACTION: Coordinator to organize the meeting location and advise staff and members accordingly.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Committee Coordinator

Chair