



Accessibility Advisory Committee

MINUTES 8

Tuesday, June 16 2020

Electronic Participation

This Meeting will be held through Electronic Participation in accordance with Bill 187, the Municipal Emergency Act, and an Order in Council of March 28, 2020, which amended the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act and prohibits organized public events of more than five people

Notes: *Please note that these Minutes are to be considered DRAFT until confirmed by Committee.*

Present: **Chair: Phillip B. Turcotte**
 Vice-Chair: Melanie Benard
 Members: Ana Maria Cruz-Valderrama, Murray Gallant, Vania Karam, Don Patterson, Jennie St-Martin and Brian Wade
 Councillor Matt Luloff (non-voting member)

Absent: **Members: Jo-Anne Bryan, Kathleen Forestell and Roy Hanes**

Others: **Tyler Cox, Manager, Legislative Services**
 Megan Richards, Corporate Accessibility Specialist,
 Legislative Services
 Tom Crowley, Coordinator, Transit System Accessibility,
 Transportation Services
 Caitlin Salter-MacDonald, Manager, Council and Committee
 Services, Office of the City Clerk Carole Legault, Committee
 Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

**Eric Pelot, Support Coordinator, Council and Committee
Services, Office of the City Clerk**

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were filed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes 6 – February 18, 2020

Special Meeting Minutes 7 – May 26, 2020

CONFIRMED

COMMUNICATIONS

Response to Inquiries

- AAC 04-19 – LRT Regulations

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. ACCESSIBILITY OFFICE UPDATE

CITY WIDE

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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

Megan Richards, Acting Corporate Accessibility Specialist spoke to a PowerPoint Presentation, which touched on the following topics:

- 2020 COMAP Update
- Community Safety and Well-Being Plan
- Accessibility during COVID
- Ontario Network of Accessibility Professionals Conference
- Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility, AODA Standards

Tom Crowley, Coordinator, Transit System Accessibility, Transportation Services was in attendance and responded to questions.

Questions and comments were raised on the accessibility standards, sanitizer stations at OC Transpo, food fact sheet and special emergency benefits for people on ODSP.

After discussion, the Committee RECEIVED this item for information.

2. WORKING GROUP UPDATES

CITY WIDE

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee receive the updates for information.

Members and the Councillor-Liaison provided updates on the following items:

- E-Scooters Pilot Project
- By-Election and related accessibility matters

The Committee RECEIVED this item for information.

ACTION: Transportation Services staff to set up a Zoom meeting with successful vendors.

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

3. MOTION - STREAMLINING THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

CITY WIDE

Chair Turcotte advised that there was a notice of motion submitted at the last meeting, which is now before Committee for consideration.

The following original motion was circulated to members:

WHEREAS the volunteer members on the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) are routinely asked by City staff and consultants hired by the City to provide comment by email on various technical design plans; and

WHEREAS the requests are high in volume and often without sufficient context and, due to these circumstances, it is often difficult for the AAC Members to respond to these requests in a meaningful way; and

WHEREAS the current practice is challenging for the AAC as it seeks to fulfill its statutory duties to provide advice to Ottawa City Council under section 29 of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA); and

WHEREAS City Council routinely reviews the City's governance structure every two years, as part of the Governance Report and the Mid-Term Governance Report; and

WHEREAS it is common practice for the City Clerk to meet with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee as part of the consultations for governance reports;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chair of AAC be instructed to raise this issue with the City Clerk as part of the consultants on the 2020 Mid-Term Governance Report and discuss possible options to improve the effectiveness of these consultations.

Chair Turcotte advised that there were proposed minor amendments to the motion as follows:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chair of AAC be instructed to raise this issue with the City Clerk as part of the consultations on the 2020 Mid-Term Governance Report, including possible options to improve the effectiveness of the City's consultations on various technical design plans.

Member Patterson agreed with the amendments and provided opening remarks. Members discussed how adding more meetings has been raised with the City Clerk during mid-term reviews in the past. The Committee also discussed different options to receive requests such as DropBox. After discussion, the following Motion was put to Committee and CARRIED as follows:

Moved by Member Patterson

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CARRIED on a division of 8 YEAS and 0 NAYS, as follows:

YEAS (8): Members A.M. Cruz-Valderrama; M. Gallant, V. Karam; D. Patterson;
J. St. Martin; B. Wade; M. Benard and P. Turcotte

NAYS (0):

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Committee Coordinator

Chair