

Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024
Time: 4:00 pm
Location: Meeting Room 3 & 4

Members Present Michelle Hewitt (Vice Chair), Karine Veldhoen

Members Participating Remotely Celynne Hurst

Members Absent Paul Clark (Chair), Beth Flynn, Randy LeBlanc, Hana Cairns, Jeff Bourne

Staff Present Mariko Siggers, Community & Neighbourhood Services Manager; Robert Parlane, Parks & Buildings Planning Manager; Jennifer Hostland, Strategic Transportation Planning Manager; Brittany Hallam, Integrated Transportation Department Manager; Gordon Foy, Transportation Engineering Manager; Kamil Rogowski, Transportation Engineer Safety and Systems; Clint McKenzie, Legislative Coordinator (Confidential)

* Denotes partial attendance

1. Call to Order

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Opening remarks, including territorial acknowledgement, were provided.

The Vice Chair advised that the meeting does not have quorum. No resolutions will be passed on any information discussed.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Not confirmed. Quorum not present.

3. Reports

3.1 Casorso ATC - staff presentation

Staff:

- Displayed a PowerPoint presentation and provided an update on a number of transportation projects regarding accessibility including the Casorso Active Transportation Corridor, the Leckie Active Transportation Corridor and the Bertram Multiuse Overpass.
- Spoke to how the transportation and accessibility plans are working in tandem and the sharing of information by the consultants.
- Responded to questions from the Committee.
- The Casorso report will be available electronically in the Committee's SharePoint folder.

Concerns related to the inaccessibility and infrequency of the handyDart system were raised.

Staff advised that a provincial review of the handyDart system is currently underway and that they would try and get more information to the Committee.

3.2 Accessibility Plan - engagement – update

Staff:

- Advised a meeting of over 40 City staff is scheduled November 14th to go through the consultants report on what we heard from the community.
- Advised that the draft recommendations to the Accessibility Plan will be electronically circulated to committee members in the next few days.
- Discussion ensued on the timing of reporting out to Council after the final draft of the plan is ready.

3.3 Service Requests - last month

Staff provided a review of incoming requests since the last committee meeting.

3.4 Committee Members - recruitment & selection update

Staff provided an update on the extension to the application period and the review of candidates

4. New Business

Discussion ensued regarding the CNIB tour of transit accessibility concerns in the community and the invitation to the City to attend. Staff liaisons to the Committee were not aware of the CNIB tour. The Mayor's Office was invited to attend.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be December 5, 2024.

6. Meeting Termination

The meeting was terminated at 5:13 p.m.

Michelle Hewitt, Vice Chair