

## **ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **Authority**

- i. The Accessibility Advisory Committee is established pursuant to section 55 of *The Cities Act* and has all of the powers, duties and authority set out in this Bylaw and in any other Bylaw or provincial legislation that applies to this Committee.

### **Terms of Reference**

- 2 The Accessibility Advisory Committee is authorized to do the following:

- a. PROMOTING THE CONSIDERATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENTION, advise COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION IN THEIR INITIAL STAGES of development, implementation and evaluation of guiding principles, policies, strategies, and programs to position Regina as a model community for the inclusion of all citizens, including persons with disabilities;

#### ***THE ARTICLES OF THE CONVENTION INCLUDE:***

***A. RESPECT FOR INHERENT DIGNITY, INDIVIDUAL AUTONOMY INCLUDING THE FREEDOM TO MAKE ONE'S OWN CHOICES, AND INDEPENDENCE OF PERSONS;***

***B. NON-DISCRIMINATION;***

***C. FULL AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION AND INCLUSION IN SOCIETY***

***D. RESPECT FOR DIFFERENCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AS PART OF HUMAN DIVERSITY AND HUMANITY;***

***E. EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY;***

***F. ACCESSIBILITY;***

***G. EQUALITY BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN; AND***

***H. RESPECT FOR THE EVOLVING CAPACITIES OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AND RESPECT FOR THE RIGHT OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES TO PRESERVE THEIR IDENTITIES.***

- b. identify stakeholders, including other levels of government, related to improving access and inclusion AND REFERENCE IT IN ALL POLICY AND ACTION;

- c. provide advice TO COUNCIL AND ADMINSTATION regarding public awareness campaigns to promote the City's efforts to make its services, facilities, and infrastructure accessible and barrier-free;
- d. provide forums for persons with disabilities to raise issues and concerns;  
***FORUMS BE HELD AT THE CALL OF THE AAC***
- e. SUPPORT CITY ADMINISTRATION BY PROVIDING ADVICE FOR "ACCESSIBILITY IMPLICATIONS" ON ALL INITIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Delegated Authority**

3 Pursuant to section 100 of *The Cities Act*, the Accessibility Advisory Committee is delegated the authority from Council to do the following:

- (a) hear paratransit service appeals in accordance with the Paratransit Policy and Procedure Guide in relation to registration denials; the requirement to have an attendant or be met by an attendant; passenger suspensions over five days; denial of trips because of unacceptable behaviour; and no show trips;
- (b) approve of citizen member travel allowances within the sum approved by Council.

### **Composition**

4(1) The Accessibility Advisory Committee WILL HAVE AN OPEN INVITATION TO THE MAYOR, AND shall consist of 12 members appointed by resolution of Council as follows:

- (a) one member of Council (NON-VOTING);
- (b) a minimum of six members from the general public:
  - (i) who are individuals with disabilities; or
  - (ii) who are fulfilling the role of primary caregiver to a person with a disability;
- (c) if after appointing members based on the criteria outlined in clauses (a) and (b), there are still positions available, members from the general public who are:
  - (i) family members of persons with disabilities; or
  - (ii) knowledgeable in the areas of access, inclusion, employment, transportation and strategic planning for persons with disabilities.

(2) Two of the members appointed pursuant to clause 4(1)(b)(i) must be customers of the paratransit service.

- (3) When appointing members to the Accessibility Advisory Committee, Council shall try to ensure that the membership on the Committee represents the full range of different disabilities.

#### **Term**

- 5(1) Unless removed from office, the appointment of the members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee from the general public shall be for up to three year staggered terms as may be set by resolution of Council.
- (2) The appointment of the Council member to the Accessibility Advisory Committee shall be for a one year term.

#### **Meetings**

- 6 The Accessibility Advisory Committee shall meet once a month, EXCEPT IN JULY AND AUGUST OR AT THE CALL OF THE CHAIR.

#### **Administrative Resource**

- 7 The Director of Community Services or his or her designate may provide administrative support to the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

#### **Secretary**

- 8 The City Clerk shall act as secretary to the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

#### **Reports To**

- 9 a. The Accessibility Advisory Committee shall provide an annual report on its activities to the Community and Protective Services Committee.
- b. The Accessibility Advisory Committee shall report to the appropriate administrative branch, dependant upon the nature of the action.

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Do you think that using the bold item below, we'd be able to eliminate points 2, 3, and 4? The statement could address the second concern under "Things to Do"

1. **To implement the committee's input into the initial process of council's decisions (Terms of Reference, 2a), it's recommended that "accessibility implications/advice" be added to the council's checklist before signing off on reports**
2. Recommend Administration take initiative to seek advise from AAC as was expressed in the AAC Annual Report to City Council
3. Recommend Council and Administration adhere and promote sections of the Human Rights Commission that pertains to the AAC.
4. Recommend flexibility in reporting mechanism to go where the need is and make the best use of our resources.