



ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, January 9, 2013
5:30 PM**

Larry Schneider Board Room, Main Floor, City Hall



**Public Agenda
Accessibility Advisory Committee
Wednesday, January 9, 2013**

Appointment of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Approval of Public Agenda

Recommendation

That the public agenda be adopted as circulated.

Minutes of the meeting held on December 5, 2012

Recommendation

That the minutes of the meeting held on December 5, 2012 be approved as submitted.

Administration Reports

ACC13-1 United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Recommendation

That item #ACC12-19 be removed from the ACC List of Outstanding Items.

That this report be received and filed.

ACC13-2 Consideration of meeting dates and times for 2013

Recommendation

1. That the 2013 meetings of the Accessibility Advisory Committee be held at 5:30 p.m. on the following dates:

January 9 (previously approved)	June 5
February 13	September 11
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2. That for 2014, the first meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee be held on Wednesday, January 15 at 5:30 p.m.

Communications

ACC13-3 2012 ACC Annual Report



Office of the City Clerk

Recommendation

That this communication be received and filed.

ACC-13-4 Review of Work Plan

Recommendation

That this communication be received and filed.

Adjournment

AT REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2012

AT A MEETING OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD IN PUBLIC SESSION

AT 5:30 PM

These are considered a draft rendering of the official minutes. Official minutes can be obtained through the Office of the City Clerk once approved.

Present: Michelle Busch
Jennifer Cohen
Bill Gray
Richard Harmon
Heather Petrychyn
Michael Richter
Barbara Schmuland
Don Shalley
Pamela Snider
Don Trew
Councillor Findura

Regrets:

Also in Attendance: Committee Assistant, Linda Leeks
Director of Transit, Brad Bells
Manager, Transit Operations & Accessibility, Lynette Griffin
Inclusion & Aboriginal Consultant, Bev Cardinal

Approval of Public Agenda

Heather Petrychyn moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the agenda be approved, as submitted.

Minutes of the meeting held on October 3, 2012

Jennifer Cohen moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the minutes of the October 3, 2012 meeting be adopted, as circulated.

Tabled Reports

ACC12-21 Review of Work Plan

Recommendation

That this communication be received and filed.

Barbara Schmuland moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that this communication be received and filed.

Other Reports

ACC12-22 City Plaza Accessibility

Recommendation

That this report be received and filed.

Michael Richter moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that this report be received and filed.

Adjournment

Don Shalley moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary

January 9, 2013

To: Members,
Accessibility Advisory Committee

Re: United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received and filed.

CONCLUSION

As part of the Accessibility Advisory Committee (ACC)'s 2013 work plan, the ACC will work with the Administration to develop a plan that will outline priorities related to accessibility issues and how they will be addressed. Through the development of this plan, the City of Regina will consider the guiding principles contained within the *United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* (CPRD). This plan will be presented to the Community & Protective Services Committee upon completion.

BACKGROUND

The Accessibility Advisory Committee (ACC) has received a request from the community-based group Individuals with Disabilities Equity Alliance of Regina, Inc. (IDEA Regina) recommending that the ACC "commit to use the *United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* as the foundation for its work and particularly for the development of a comprehensive plan for Regina."

DISCUSSION

There are seven landmark United Nations human rights treaties that protect the rights of women, children, migrant workers and others, but until the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities entered into force on May 3, 2008, there had been no specific global treaty addressing the needs of persons with disabilities, the world's largest minority. The purpose of the Convention, as stated in Article 1, is "to promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities, and to promote respect for their inherent dignity."

The Convention outlines how society should view persons with disabilities, with the person being the key decision-maker in his or her own life. It makes persons with disabilities "rights holders" and "subjects of law", with full participation in formulating and implementing plans and policies affecting them. The Convention moves beyond the question of access to the physical environment, to broader issues of equality and elimination of legal and social barriers to participation, social opportunities, health, education, employment and personal development.

The Government of Canada signed onto the treaty on March 30, 2007 and ratified it on March 11, 2010, after it had received the support of all provincial and territorial governments. The international *United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* is meant to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy the same rights enjoyed by others. It complements the rights protected in the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and *The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code*.

There are eight guiding principles that underlie the Convention and each one of its specific articles:

- (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.

The federal government is providing national leadership by developing the information requirements of reporting and monitoring activities required by the Convention. At this point, the federal government has provided no information to Saskatchewan on how it plans to establish independent monitoring mechanisms to insure implementation of the CRPD. Provincially, once direction is received from the Government of Canada, the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General will lead the work to ensure that Saskatchewan law and policy is consistent with the Convention. Before undertaking any further steps, the provincial government needs to receive a clear direction from the Government of Canada on how it plans to establish independent monitoring mechanisms to insure implementation of the CRPD. The City of Regina expects to be consulted as part of this ongoing process.

The development of an accessibility plan that is consistent with the City of Regina's vision and Official Community Plan will support the City's efforts in becoming an inclusive community. Through the development of this plan, the City of Regina will consider the guiding principles contained within the *United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* (CPRD).

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

Strategic Implications

The work of the Accessibility Advisory Committee will assist the City of Regina in achieving its vision of becoming an inclusive community.

Other Implications

There are no other implications associated with this report.

Accessibility Implications

The advice and recommendations from the Accessibility Advisory Committee assists the City of Regina and community to improve accessibility in Regina for individuals with disabilities.

COMMUNICATIONS

There are no communication implications with respect to this report.

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Disposition of this report is within the authority of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie Shalley, Manager
Community Development

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Holden, Director
Community Development, Recreation & Parks

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January 9, 2013

To: Members,
Accessibility Advisory Committee

Re: Consideration of Meeting Dates and Times for 2013

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the 2013 meetings of the Accessibility Advisory Committee be held at 5:30 p.m. on the following dates:

January 9 (previously approved)	June 5
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2. That for 2014, the first meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee be held on Wednesday, January 15 at 5:30 p.m.

CONCLUSION

The Committee should review the information contained within this report and confirm the proposed meeting dates for 2013.

BACKGROUND

City Council, at its meeting held on November 19, 2012, approved the meeting schedule for regular Council and Executive Committee meetings for 2013. A calendar which lists approved meeting dates for City Council and the Executive Committee is attached as Appendix "A". Their schedule is set each year in accordance with the provisions of *The Procedure Bylaw, 9004*. Committees of City Council are then asked to establish regular meeting dates and times. The purpose of this report is to facilitate the establishment of 2013 regular meeting dates for the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

DISCUSSION

The Accessibility Advisory Committee should establish its regular meeting schedule for 2013, with the dates selected:

- to allow timely submission of reports to City Council or other committees
- to avoid conflict with other scheduled meetings, such as the Executive Committee
- to fit the schedules of Committee members.

Based on the above and a review of the regular meeting dates of the Accessibility Advisory Committee held last year, it is proposed that regular meetings for 2013 be held on the following dates at 5:30 p.m.:

January 9
February 13
March 13
April 3
May 1

June 5
September 11
October 9
November 13
December 11

It is also proposed that the Accessibility Advisory Committee select a date for its first meeting in January 2014. Based on this year's meeting schedule, it is proposed the Committee hold its first meeting of 2014 on Wednesday, January 15, at 5:30 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

None for this report.

Environmental Implications

None for this report.

Strategic Implications

None for this report.

Accessibility Implications

None for this report

Other Implications

None for this report.

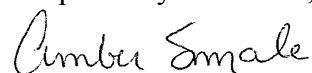
COMMUNICATIONS

Once all the committees and boards have set their meeting dates for 2013, a calendar will be circulated which includes the meeting dates of City Council and all committees. This calendar will be provided to the local media and any other interested parties who request the information.

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The Accessibility Advisory Committee has the authority to establish a meeting schedule.

Respectfully submitted,



Amber Smale
Deputy City Clerk

Attachment

2013 COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Access

JANUARY

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◆ Holiday

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

C City Council
(5:30 p.m.)

C Crime Prevention Advisory Committee
(12:15 p.m.)

M Municipal Heritage Advisory
Committee (12:15 p.m.)

R Regina Appeal Board
(5:30 p.m.)

D Development Appeals Board
(5:30 p.m.)

F Finance & Administration
Committee (4:00 p.m.)

P Public Works Committee
(4:00 p.m.)

C Community Services
Advisory Committee (5:30 p.m.)

C Youth Advisory Committee (5:30 p.m.)

B Board of Police Commissioners (9:00 a.m.)

E Executive Committee (11:45 a.m.)

C Community and Protective Services
Committee (4:00 p.m.)

R Regina Planning Commission (4:00 p.m.)

C Accessibility Advisory
Committee (5:30 p.m.)

A Arts Advisory Committee (5:30 p.m.)

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Committee (5:30 p.m.)

C City Clerk's Purposes Only
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January 9, 2013

To: Members,
Accessibility Advisory Committee

Re: Annual Report Planning

On June 22, 2009, City Council established *The Committee Bylaw, 2009*. Table 12 of *The Committee Bylaw* sets out the Authority, Terms of Reference and Composition of the Accessibility Advisory Committee and states that the Committee “shall provide an annual report on its activities to the Community and Protective Services Committee.”

The purpose of this communication is to allow the Committee an opportunity to review and examine its activities during 2012 and discuss the development of an Annual Report summarizing those activities. A draft of the Annual Report should be available for review by the Committee at its February 2013 meeting. That will allow time for revisions so it can be presented for review and approval at the Committee’s March 2013 meeting, after which it would be forwarded to the March 2013 meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee for approval.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Leeks, Secretary
Accessibility Advisory Committee

January 9, 2013

To: Members,
Accessibility Advisory Committee

Re: Review of 2012 Work Plan

The purpose of this communication is to facilitate the review of the progress report and provide an opportunity for further discussion, if required. Attached for reference is the current 2011/12 Work Plan including progress to date.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Leeks".

Linda Leeks, Secretary
Accessibility Advisory Committee

Accessibility Advisory Committee 2012 Work Plan

<i>Deliverable (What)</i>	<i>Action(How)</i>	<i>Resources (Who)</i>	<i>Participate /Lead</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Start/Complete Date (When)</i>	<i>2012 Progress/Update</i>
1. Accessibility Forum	Establish working group to decide on topics Additional 2013 topics	All	Lead		March 2012	Update by D. Shalley & working group Dec. 2012 Forum will be held April 2013 Further update on forum agenda will be provided in the New Year
2. APS/Pedestrian Ramps	-Review City policies/bylaws -Research other cities including Saskatoon -Seek input from others stakeholders (ie: CNIB)	All	Lead		April 2012	Oral report presentation by field staff October 2012 Curb-cuts concrete update reports by J. Cohen – Dec. 2012
3. Terms of Reference	Establish a working group to review and provide recommendations to City Council	All	Lead		Immediately	Draft of updates reviewed Dec. 2012
4. Communication Strategy	Establish a working group to implement a snow removal week similar to the accessible parking week (help your neighbour campaign)	All	Lead		Immediately	Fall 2012 – Accessible Parking Awareness Week SnowFighters Program