



Minutes

Accessibility Advisory Committee

September 28, 2021, 1:00 p.m.

City Hall - 808 2nd Avenue East - Council Chambers

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Member Donald Anderson (via phone)
Member Jason Crone
Councillor Scott Greig
Councillor Brock Hamley
Member Rebecca Knisley

MEMBERS

ABSENT/REGRETS: Chair Christine Farrell
Member Warren Bazinet

STAFF PRESENT: Pam Coulter, Director of Community Services
Dennis Kefalas, Director of Public Works and Engineering
Kevin Linthorne, Chief Building Official
Staci Landry, Customer Service Facilitator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Hamley called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. CALL FOR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

There was no additional business.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.a Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on May 25, 2021

AC-210928-001

Moved by Councillor Greig

"THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee approves the minutes of the meeting held on May 25, 2021."

Carried.

5. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no deputations or presentations.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR WHICH DIRECTION IS REQUIRED

There were no correspondence items presented for consideration.

8. REPORTS OF CITY STAFF

8.a Verbal Update from the Director of Public Works and Engineering Re: Subsidized Bus Pass Program

The Director of Public Works and Engineering advised that a question was raised at a past Committee meeting regarding the waiving of transit fees for people with certain disabilities. The City has hired a consultant to review the City's transit system as a whole as well as this specific question. The consultant is proposing that any individual who qualifies for mobility transit, regardless of their disability, will be able to ride the conventional transit for free. This proposal could help to free up space on the mobility transit as well as allow those individuals that are able to ride the conventional transit to do so for free. A report will be brought forward to the Operations Committee later this year for consideration and this proposal will be one of the items for consideration in the report.

In response to questions from Committee, the Director of Public Works and Engineering advised that if this proposal is approved by the Operations Committee:

- A person with a disability will need to complete a mobility transit application to determine whether he or she qualifies for the City's mobility transit.
- Staff do not anticipate any delays on the conventional transit schedule if people choose to utilize conventional transit over mobility transit because the conventional transit buses are also fully accessible.

- Staff will distribute a pass to people who qualify for mobility transit but choose to utilize the conventional transit so that transit drivers know they are entitled to ride the conventional transit for free.

AC-210928-002

Moved by Councillor Greig

"THAT in consideration of the Verbal Report provided September 28, 2021 from the Director of Public Works and Engineering respecting the Subsidized Bus Pass Program, the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends that City Council receive the Verbal Report for information purposes."

Carried.

9. MATTERS POSTPONED

There were no matters postponed.

10. MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE WAS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN

There were no motions for which notice was previously given.

11. CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION

- 11.a Memorandum from the Planning Division Re: Site Plan Approvals for June to August 2021

The Director of Community Services advised that as per the staff delegation for site plan approvals, Planning Division staff put forward several site plans to Council for approval and within each report, there is a section regarding matters of accessibility.

AC-210928-003

Moved by Member Knisley

"THAT in consideration of correspondence provided for information purposes listed on the September 28, 2021 Accessibility Advisory Committee agenda, the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends that City Council receive Item 11.a for information purposes."

Carried.

11.b Mobility Transit Dashboard - Month Ending August 31, 2021

AC-210928-004

Moved by Member Knisley

"THAT in consideration of correspondence provided for information purposes listed on the September 28, 2021 Accessibility Advisory Committee agenda, the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends that City Council receive Item 11.b for information purposes."

Carried.

12. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

There was no additional business.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Vice Chair Hamley adjourned the meeting at 1:19 p.m.