

St. Thomas Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

**MINUTES
December 5, 2019**

Location: Senior's Centre
Time: 8:30am
Present: Ken Lizotte, Tracey Tiersma, Cathy Topping, Sheila Rodaway, Leslie McClure, Don Shaw, Councillor Steve Peters, Ross Patrick, Matt Vriens
Regrets: Graham Dart, Deborah Herridge-Walters, Ken Moser

8:30 a.m. The meeting convened with C. Topping, Chair, presiding.

This special meeting was called by the Chair to discuss upcoming transit changes proposed by Stantec Consulting Limited in collaboration with City staff. Stantec was retained to develop the St. Thomas Transit Strategic Plan. Both the Manager of Transportation and the Transportation Technician for the City attended to facilitate the discussion.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

NIL

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The members discussed what to spend the remaining funds left from the 2019 Budget.

Motion by K. Lizotte – D. Shaw:

THAT: The Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee donate the remaining funds to support and install accessibility features in the proposed future animal shelter.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Members were provided a map of the routes and the proposed service times. There was discussion on the changes and the improvements being made to transit service levels within the existing budget. It was noted that when the software system is in place for booking, it will capture accurate information that will enable the transit system to further prioritize and optimize routes. Monitoring will take place before an update is reported to Council after 6 months of implementation. Riders will be able to either phone in or use a phone app to request demand response transportation (DRT). There was further discussion on the process and timing of the purchase of new buses. Councillor Peters suggested that the committee should meet before there are reports to Council to purchase new fleet, in order to review the tender specifications and provide input before the tendering process begins.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on January 30, 2020 commencing at 8:30a.m. at St. Thomas Senior's Centre.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councillor Peters – D. Shaw:

THAT: The committee adjourned at 9:09a.m.

Carried.


Signed, Chair, Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee


Date