

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. THOMAS
THE FIRST MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

Seniors' Centre

January 25, 2018

8:30 a.m. The meeting convened.

ATTENDANCE

Members

Cathy Topping

Lisa Kelly

Councillor Joan Rymal

Jim Stacey

Blake Weber

Ken Lizotte

City Officials

Graham Dart, Director, Human Resources

Others

Absent

Don Shaw

Ken Moser

MINUTES

Motion by J. Stacey - L. Kelly:

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on November 23, 2017 be confirmed.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction

The members introduced themselves to the others.

Election of Officers

Cathy Topping was appointed as Chair and Councillor Rymal was appointed as Vice Chair.

2018 Accessibility Plan

Copies were distributed to the members. Ms. Topping suggested that members review the plan and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

Accessibility Technical Committee Roles

The Director, Human Resources gave the Committee a review of the role of the Technical Committee.

The members discussed the way the City strives to exceed the accessibility standards that are in the Building Code.

2018 Meeting Dates

The members agreed on the following meeting dates for 2018:

- March 22: Approval of Accessibility Plan, Parallel Transit statistics
- May 24: Audit Schedule, September Open House planning
- June 21: facility audits
- September 27: Community Accessibility Open House
- November 22: Committee wrap up, 2019 Budget suggestions

Parallel Transit Change

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The members discussed changing the name of Parallel Transit to Specialized Transit which is a more common term used in other Committees.

The members asked that the Secretary prepare a letter to Council to have staff to review this recommendation.

Downtown Area - Portable Ramps

The members discussed the possible use of portable ramps in the downtown area for store owners. MAAC would provide funding to a few owners to try to encourage an increased awareness of accessibility needs in the area and to promote shopping in the downtown area for people with all abilities.

Ms. Kelly would lead the project and consult with store owners.

Chad Baker, Yurek's Pharmacy was in attendance and agreed to be the contact for product information and support for the Committee.

Councillor Rymal would advise the Downtown Development Board, the City Manager and other members of Council about the project.

Agenda Items

Members were advised to submit any future agenda items in advance to either the Secretary or the Chair.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING

March 22nd, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at the Seniors' Centre

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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