



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

FROM: Phyllis Hodder, Accessibility Coordinator

MEETING DATE: June 6, 2012

SUBJECT: Report AAC12-012
Transportation Sub-Committee Report

PURPOSE

A report to provide information to the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) regarding the Transportation Sub-Committee meeting held on May 23, 2012.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report AAC12-012, dated June 6, 2012, of Phyllis Hodder, Accessibility Coordinator as follows:

That Report AAC12-012 with respect to the Transportation Sub-Committee Report is received for information.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no budget or financial implications associated with the recommendation.

BACKGROUND

The Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC), in accordance with the Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001 (ODA) and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act 2005 (AODA) shall advise and assist City Council and staff in promoting and facilitating City Accessibility which includes Transportation. As a result a Transportation Sub-Committee was established and the committees' role is to review municipal policies, programs and services and the identification, removal or prevention of barriers faced by people with disabilities pertaining to transportation.

On May 23, 2012 the AAC Transportation Sub-Committee held a meeting at City Hall. The following items were discussed:

- Priority and Courtesy seating roll-out is May 28th, 2012, all transit drivers are to be trained. An information pamphlet is available to the public. Priority seating is intended for people with disabilities on transit. Courtesy seating is intended for an individual who may benefit from having a seat near the front of the vehicle.
- Public Transit Operations Review Update: Draft has been completed and is now with the consultants for a final review.
- The audible signals at George Street and Sherbrooke Street have been delayed due to the curb cuts and returns not being to standard. Work is ongoing and should be completed in two weeks.
- Audible Stop Announcements: The system is working well, transit users seem to like the system. All the feedback has been positive with both the visual and the audible.

See Appendix A for the Minutes to the AAC Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting on May 23, 2012.

In future AAC Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes will be filed under Correspondence on the Agenda for the AAC.

Submitted by,

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Appendix A – Transportation Sub-Committee Minutes, May 23, 2012

Appendix A



**Accessibility Advisory Committee
Transportation Sub-Committee Minutes
May 23, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.
City Board Room, City Hall**

Present: Janet Ali (Chair), Andrea Dodsworth, John Morris, Lyn Morris, A.J. McNaught, Peter Bascan, Kathie Nelson, Heidi Vanderlinde, Matt Pritchard (OTA, PTA Student Fleming College) Len Vass (Councillor), Jim Kimble (Transportation), Marie Bongard, Marty Morgan, Phyllis Hodder (Accessibility Coordinator/Recorder).

Regrets: None

Absent: None

Welcome and Introductions

Call to Order

- Janet Ali, Chair called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

- That the agenda for the AAC Transportation Committee dated May 23, 2012 be approved.

Moved by A.J. McNaught
Seconded by Peter Bascan

Carried

Approval of Minutes

- That the Transportation Committee Minutes dated March 20th, 2012 be approved.

Moved by Andrea Dodsworth
Seconded by Peter Bascan

Carried

Business Arising

- The Accessibility Coordinator reviewed the difference between the new AAC Transportation Committee and the previous committee which fell under CPD. The key difference is that only City of Peterborough Transportation related issues will be discussed.
- Terms of Reference: The Terms of Reference were issued and reviewed by everyone prior to the meeting; one amendment is that the meetings will now be held at City Hall and not at Transit as documented on the Terms of Reference. Please note that members are required to contact either the Chair or the Accessibility Coordinator if they are going to be absent from a meeting, three consecutive absences will remove them as a committee member.
- Len Vass Councillor will continue to advocate for prioritization of snow plowing at bus stops.

Transportation Update, Jim Kimble

- Audible Stop Announcements: The system is working well, transit users seem to like the system. All the feedback has been positive with both the visual display and the audible announcements.

Volume on the buses are all set at the same decibel level, transit is fine tuning the system as some buses may be louder than others therefore the system may have to be adjusted.

Changing a bus stop with the new system is more challenging and takes longer however it is still flexible.

- “My Beat” service alerts continue to be utilized to post any changes. Transit users can also access any changes on the City of Peterborough website.
- Installation of the audible signals at George Street and Sherbrooke Street has been delayed due to the curb cuts and returns not being to standard. Work is ongoing and should be completed in two weeks.

- Pay and Display: 40 new machines were installed and the majority of the old parking meters have been removed. Heights will be lowered on the existing blue meters located at all accessible parking spots.
- Public Transit Operations Review Update: Draft has been completed and is now with the consultants for a final review. The next step is to post the document on the website for public viewing.
- Priority seating roll-out is May 28th, 2012; all transit drivers are to be trained. An information pamphlet is available to the public. Priority seating is intended for people with disabilities on transit.
- Courtesy seating roll-out is also May 28th, 2012, Courtesy seating is intended for an individual who would benefit from having a seat near the front of the vehicle, and all transit drivers are to be trained.
- Information will be provided at the Access Awareness Week from May 28 to June 2, 2012.
- Drivers will be encouraged to hand out pamphlets to transit patrons who utilize the conventional buses when the patrons are using large strollers. Public education prior to issues occurring is always a proactive approach.

Report from CPD, Janet Ali

- Access Awareness Week is May 28, 2012 to June 2, 2012
- Opening ceremonies for Access Awareness are Monday, May 28, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The ceremony will be located at Lansdowne Place Mall, centre court.
- Time in My Shoes will be held at Portage Place Mall from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon on May 29, 30 and 31, 2012
- June 21, 2012 is the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the Council for Persons with Disabilities (CPD) and everyone is invited

Report from AAC, Janet Ali

- Transportation and Built Environment Committee members were provided with both Terms of Reference
- A presentation by the Planning Department on site plan reviews will occur at June's meeting
- Publication of members contact information to be discussed at the next meeting

New Business

- Public Transit Operations Review Open House May 24th from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The open house will be located at the Transit Terminal Meeting room at 190 Simcoe Street
- Councillor Vass has received a complaint regarding the bus stop located south of Lansdowne Street and East of River Road S., as there appears to be no solid surface at the stop and therefore not accessible. (Jim Kimble will look into this issue)
- Councillor Vass has received complaints regarding the bus stop located at Water Street north of University Heights as students are crossing the street to attend the Tim Horton's. As there is no light and no crosswalk is it an unsafe spot to have a bus stop?(Jim Kimble will look into this issue)
- A complaint was made about a bus driver giving out dog treats to service animals on the bus (Jim Kimble will look into this issue).
- CNIB is having a Hooping for Vision Shades of Fun Day on June 8, 2012 at Millennium Park from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Wear your shades and learn about vision health.

Next Meeting

The next AAC Transportation Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 5th, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. at City Hall in the City Board Room.

Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.