



City of
Peterborough

**Accessibility Advisory Committee
Transportation Sub-Committee Minutes
September 5, 2012 at 12:00 PM
City Board Room, City Hall**

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

Regrets: None

Absent: None

Welcome

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 September 5, 2012 be approved. Under new business added John Morris and Marie Bongard.

Carried

Approval of Minutes

- That the Transportation Committee Minutes dated May 23, 2012 be approved.

Moved by Marty Morgan

Seconded by John Morris

Carried

Business Arising

- Audible Signals at Intersections - Jim Kimble states that the audible signals implemented at some of the street intersections are working well and Committee Members mentioned that the announcements at Sherbrooke and George are excellent

- Public Education - It was suggested that some public education be given regarding how to use the audio at the street lights as the general public may not know how to use them
- Volume Levels - Committee members noted that some of the automated call outs on the buses are too quiet however, Jim Kimble pointed out that the volume level is the same province wide. Jim will check to ensure the decimal level on all buses is the same and meeting the standard set by the province.
- Parking Meters - The new parking meters have been installed and are working well, having existing meters lowered at the Accessible parking spots is to occur Fall 2012
- Millennium Park - Jim Kimble will have the meter checked at Millennium Park to ensure it is not too high
- Dog Treats - There have been no further issues with the bus drivers handing out dog treats
- Crossing on trails – Three different systems are currently being reviewed and an assessment will be completed to determine which crossing is best
- By-Laws - City of Kawartha Lakes is enforcing their by-laws and currently anyone caught driving their scooter on the roadway will receive a ticket (safety issues), the City of Peterborough is reviewing their current by-laws as the terminology is outdated
- Priority Seating - A discussion took place regarding three different occurrences on the bus about priority seating, in two of the three instances the program worked, in the third instance it resulted in a passenger becoming rude and very little can be done about that except more public education regarding priority seating
- Pamphlets - Jim Kimble will ensure that the buses have pamphlets to give out to passengers on the bus explaining the priority seating
- Scooters - An issue arose regarding scooters on the bus, it is law that the scooters be forward facing on the bus, therefore they must turn around on the bus once on, this is difficult to do when there are wheelchair users on the bus and both seats are taken

Transportation Update, Jim Kimble

- Public Transit Operations Review Update is complete and the document is now posted on the website for public viewing.
- Executive Summary – An Executive Summary is currently on the website for viewing which is much smaller than the entire Public Transit Review
- AODA – Transit continues to work on the requirements for the AODA
- AODA - The new Design of Public Spaces Standard is now out and addresses Trails and Parks

Update, Len Vass

- The City of Peterborough is having a special Committee of the Whole meeting on September 19, 2012 for a presentation on the Transit Operation Review. The meeting will be held at the Evinrude Centre from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM, following the presentation there will be a question and answer period. Free bus service will be provided that night.

Report from CPD, Janet Ali

- Access Awareness Week is was successful
- Access Awareness Committee is seeking a Vice Chair
- Employment Committee is working with John McNutt (Chair of CPD) to try and engage the community with awards for employers who are accessible
- CPD now has a youth representative Breanne Kelly who is seeking additional members

Report from AAC, Janet Ali

- The Accessibility Advisory Office of Ontario made a presentation to a number of AAC committee's on the Integrated Standard on September 12th which was well received
- A presentation by the Planning Department on site plan reviews occurred at June's meeting
- Transit Committee is seeking a Vice Chair

New Business

- Due to the ongoing concern regarding priority seating and issues that are arising, Councillor Len Vass has suggested that an identification card be issued to those who utilize the priority seating. An Ad Hoc Committee has been assembled to investigate a resolution to the issue, volunteers are Janet Ali, Peter Bascan, A.J. McNaught and Phyllis Hodder
- Jim Kimble is looking for input on other candidate locations for audible lights, Janet Ali will contact the CNIB and inquire if they have any suggestions regarding this
- Any issues with a transit driver must be reported immediately to the Transit Terminal in order for a resolution
- A discussion took place regarding the new Design for Public Space Standard recently published by the AODA. All input regarding the standard must be submitted by October 12, 2012

Next Meeting

The next AAC Transportation Committee will be held on Wednesday, November 7th, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. at City Hall in the City Board Room.

Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM