



**City Of Kingston  
Municipal Accessibility  
Advisory Committee  
Meeting Number 06-2015  
Minutes  
Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.  
Invista Centre, Hall C, "Rona Room"**

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**Committee Members Present**

Ms. Heidi Penning; Chair  
Mr. Drew Kennedy; Vice Chair  
Councillor Holland  
Mr. Robert R. Baird  
Ms. Lorraine Farrar  
Mr. Peter Fritz  
Ms. Donna Huff  
Ms. Jana Mareckova  
Mr. Donald Mitchell  
Ms. Marilyn E. Wilson

**Regrets**

Mr. Robert Goddard  
Mr. David Grightmire  
Ms. Kym Murray  
Ms. Sherri Scott

**Staff Members Present**

Ms. Catalina Blumenberg, Committee Clerk  
Ms. Cheryl Hitchen, Manager, Social Policy & Strategic Communications  
Ms. Paula Nichols, Manager, Parking Operations  
Mr. Ian Semple, Manager, Service Development

**Meeting to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Mr. Kennedy

Seconded by Ms. Mareckova

**That** the agenda be approved.

**Carried**

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved by Mr. Baird

Seconded by Ms. Mareckova

**That** the Minutes of Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Number 05-2015 held Thursday May 7, 2015, be amended as follows:

- Page 3: A discussion on inviting a Public Works and Environmental Services Employee to discuss snow removal.
- Page 3: That the dates referenced on the second paragraph be verified; and

**That** the minutes, as amended, be approved.

**Carried**

### **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

There were none.

### **Delegations**

There were none.

### **Briefings**

There were none.

### **Business**

#### **a) Options for Accessible Parking Spaces and Single Front Yard Parking Pads**

Ms. Hitchen, Manager, Social Policy & Strategic Communications spoke to the details of the motion. She stated that there is no requirement in the *AODA* Act on this particular topic.

Councillor Holland spoke to the details of the motion, and the process of it coming to the municipal accessibility advisory committee (MAAC). She noted that there has been a lot

of debate regarding options for accessible parking spaces and single front yard parking pads, and that it is an important issue.

Ms. Penning advised that despite the legislation not containing specific guidance on accessible parking, there is a duty to accommodate.

Mr. Ian Semple, Manager, Service Development stated that the intention of the motion is to examine options and staff analyse the findings, then the committee can share their views, and ultimately Council will decide if it is feasible.

Mr. Kennedy sought clarification on what full cost recovery means, Mr. Semple replied that full cost recovery is part of the criteria and could mean that if a fire hydrant is removed what it would cost to replace. He explained that it is looking at the economic pros and cons of options, and range of scenarios such as a paid parking pass.

Mr. Baird inquired if the City has completed benchmarking. Ms. Hitchen responded that benchmarking will be completed with other similar sized municipalities, to examine if other comparable programs of residential accessible parking exist.

Mr. Fritz inquired how the City will monitor the accessible parking spaces if a person moves, and how they will track the changes.

Ms. Penning inquired what happened to the constituent who spurred the motion. Mr. Semple replied that the appropriate changes were made with the on street parking to fix the issue with that particular person, and a resolution was reached.

Ms. Hitchen noted that the committee will be consulted throughout the report.

Councillor Holland advised that MAAC could host a public meeting regarding the report to engage the public.

Mr. Baird asked that the heritage criteria be addressed in the report.

Moved by Councillor Holland

Seconded by Mr. Mitchell

**Whereas** increasingly residents who may be facing accessibility related challenges are requiring support in order to remain in their homes; and

**Whereas** some residents with disabilities have great difficulty accommodating access buses or taxis at their homes, and face great difficulty parking near their homes;

**Therefore be it resolved that** staff be requested to present options with implications that may be considered to allow for, on a case by case situation only

- a) a single front yard parking pad where it will assist a resident to remain in their home; and/or

- b) a resident may seek an accessible parking space immediately in front of their residence; and

**That** any such options would be only applicable to residents with accessibility needs; would have limiting criteria and would ensure full cost recovery as part of the criteria; and

**That** staff prepare an information report to be presented at a public meeting hosted by MAAC; and

**That** a final report be presented to EITP on the matter no later than May, 2016.

**Carried As Amended**

**(See Motion to Amend Which Was Carried)**

Moved by Mr. Baird

Seconded by Ms. Mareckova

**That** the first whereas clause word “citizens” be replaced with residents; and

**That** seeking some relief be deleted and replaced with “requiring support”

**That** the word “handicapped” be removed from the motion and replaced with “residents with disabilities” in the second whereas clause; and

**That** “handicapped” be removed and replaced with “accessible” in clause (b); and

**That** the word “rare” be changed to a “case by case” situation; and

**That** the word issues be replaced with the word “needs”; and

**That** the second to last “That” clause be deleted in its entirety and replaced with:

**That** staff prepare an information report to be presented at a public meeting hosted by MAAC; and

**Carried**

**b) Discussion regarding Accessible Urban Washrooms**

Mr. Baird spoke to his concerns regarding accessible urban washrooms. He suggested that the City website could include an inventory listing all accessible public washrooms available in Kingston.

Ms. Hitchen noted that she will invite the independent living centre to speak to the committee as they are working on a mobile application software (app) that will include an inventory of accessible buildings and sites including washrooms.

Councillor Holland withdrew from the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

**c) Appointment to Working Groups**

Moved by Ms. Farrar

Seconded by Mr. Mitchell

**That** Ms. Marilyn Wilson be appointed to the Awareness and Education Working Group.

**Carried**

Mr. Baird explained the mandate of the Built Environment Working Group.

Moved by Mr. Kennedy

Seconded by Ms. Huff

**That** the appointment to the Built Environment Working Group be deferred to the subsequent MAAC meeting.

**Carried**

Ms. Wilson explained the mandate of the awareness and education working group.

Moved by Ms. Farrar

Seconded Mr. Kennedy

**That** Mr. Fritz be appointed to the Awareness and Education Working Group.

**Carried**

**d) Appointment of Terms (Staggered 1 and 2 Year Appointments)**

Moved by Ms. Mareckova

Seconded by Mr. Baird

**That** Mr. Fritz be appointed to the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee for a two year term ending November, 2016.

**Carried**

**e) Working Group Report**

Moved by Mr. Mitchell

Seconded by Ms. Farrar

**That** the Awareness & Education Working Group report be deferred to the subsequent MAAC meeting for review.

**f) Appointment to Project Teams**

Ms. Semple spoke to the time commitment of being on the project team.

The Committee appointed Ms. Farrar to the Downtown Transfer Point Project Team.

**Motions**

There were none.

**Notices Of Motion**

There were none.

**Other Business**

There was none.

**Correspondence**

**Date and time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, August 6, 2015.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Ms. Farrar  
Seconded by Ms. Huff

**That** the meeting of the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee now adjourn.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.