



Accessibility Advisory Committee

Minutes

Meeting #: 14
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024
Time: 6 pm
Location: Electronic Participation

Present: Chair Vania Karam, Vice-Chair Holl Ellingwood, Wayne Antle, Ana Maria Cruz-Valderrama, David Humphries, William Van Veen, Hannah Walhad

Absent: Ian Bourrie, Matthew Eliot, Jodi Fisher, Adele Furrie, Murray MacDonald

Present non-voting member: Councillor Marty Carr

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2. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were filed.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 AAC Minutes 12 – May 21, 2024

Carried

3.2 AAC Minutes 13 - May 28, 2024

Carried

4. Presentations

4.1 Essential Health and Social Supports (EHSS) – Program Review

Caroline Fifield, Policy & Program Support Consultant, Operational Support Unit, Community & Social Services Department, provided a slide presentation and answered questions from committee.

Members informed staff that the information provided is very valuable and they will share it with social groups. Staff clarified the differences between the social support programs that are available. Staff will follow up with Committee members to acquire more feedback.

After discussion, the Committee RECEIVED this item for information.

A copy of the slide presentation is filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

Recommendation(s)

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee receive the presentation and provide feedback as appropriate.

Received

5. Motions of Which Notice has been Previously Given

5.1 Motion - E-Scooters

City-wide

Kunjan Ghimire Program Manager, Neighbourhood Traffic Calming, Planning, Development & Building Department was present to provide answers to Committee members. Staff invited Issac Ransom from Neuron and Austin Spademan from Bird, to speak to the Committee and answer questions.

The following written submissions were received by, and are filed with, the Office of the City Clerk, and distributed to Committee Members:

- CNIB Foundation, email dated June 14, 2024
- Mike Brown, email dated June 16, 2024
- Wayne Cashman, email dated June 16, 2024
- Kim Kilpatrick, email dated June 18, 2024
- Brent Manuel, email June 18, 2024

The following member of the public spoke before the Committee and provided comments on the motion:

- Brent Manuel

Committee members discussed the issues of compliance, safety, geofencing issues and the data not reflecting the experiences of vulnerable people. Staff reported that they are working with By-law Department and Ottawa Police Service to provide reinforcement of rules. Staff also committed to summarize to summarize the 311 inquiries on eScooters.

After discussion, Committee members voted. The final vote was 4-3 (including an Abstention)

The motion was CARRIED.

Motion No. AAC 2024-12-01

Moved by Wayne Antle

Motion

BE IT RESOLVED that the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) rescind Motion No. AAC 2023-01-01; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- A. the AAC express to City staff and City Council that they no longer uphold their support for the continuation of the e-scooter pilot, and further express their very serious concern over the safety issues posed by e-scooters, both shared and privately-owned, to persons with disabilities, elderly and all vulnerable pedestrians;
- B. The AAC advise City staff to make it easier to report non-compliance and actively encourage all people who witness improperly parked e-scooters or e-scooters riding along the sidewalks to report this to the city;
- C. The AAC advise City Council to be prepared to stop the pilot if e-scooter riders continue to demonstrate that they are not operating the e-scooters in accordance with the rules and continue to pose a serious safety risk.

For (4): V. Karam, Wayne Antle, Ana Maria Cruz-Valderrama, and H. Walhad

Against (3): H. Ellingwood, D. Humphries, and W. Van Veen

Carried (4 to 3)

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Adjournment

Next Meeting

September 17, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Original signed by R. Ramos,
Committee Coordinator

Original signed by Vania Karam,
Chair