



## **Accessibility Advisory Committee**

### **MINUTES 22**

**Tuesday, March 15, 2022**

**6:30 pm**

### **Electronic Participation**

This Meeting will be held through electronic participation in accordance with Section 238 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* as amended by Bill 197, the *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020*. Please note this meeting will be held through Electronic Participation in accordance with Bill 187.

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- Notes:**
1. *Please note that these Minutes are to be considered DRAFT until confirmed by Committee.*
  2. *Underlining indicates a new or amended recommendation approved by Committee.*

**Present:**

**Chair: Phillip B. Turcotte**  
**Vice-Chair: Brian Wade**  
**Members: Ana Maria Cruz-Valderrama, Murray Gallant, Roy Hanes, Vania Karam**  
**Joël Dazé, Reserve Member**  
**Councillor Matt Luloff (non-voting member)**

**Absent:** **Members Holly Ellingwood and Tammy Kelly**

**Others:** **Mitchell House, Program Manager, Environmental Program, Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development (PRED)**  
**Megan Richards, Corporate Accessibility Specialist,**

**Accessibility Office, Legislative Services, Office of the City  
Clerk (OCC)  
Sarah Beriault, Accessibility Office, Legislative Services, OCC**

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There are no declarations of interest.

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes 18 - November 16, 2021

Special Meeting Minutes 19 - December 14, 2021

Special Meeting Minutes 20 - February 1, 2022

CONFIRMED

## COMMUNICATIONS

Response to Inquiries

- AAC 01-21 - City's Ability to Mandate Fully Accessible Housing
- AAC 02-21 - Accessibility of Common Spaces in Multi-Unit Residential Buildings

## PRESENTATIONS

1. PILOT ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING IN RIGHT OF WAY - PROJECT UPDATE

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**That the Accessibility Advisory Committee receive the staff presentation for information and provide feedback as appropriate.**

Mitchell House, Program Manager, Environmental Program, Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development spoke to a PowerPoint Presentation, a copy of which is held on file with the City Clerk.

Members provided questions and comments regarding the location of charging stations, the size of the parking spots and ensuring the parking spots are accessible, the possibility of adding a battery charger for mobility devices on the charging stations, the rates/cost and the possibility of exempting for accessibility parking permit holders.

Chair Turcotte reminded staff of the AAC motion (being Motion No. AAC 2019 1/3) with respect to preserving accessible parking spots.

Brent Manuel briefly spoke on this topic and agreed with Chair Turcotte's comments.

After discussion, the Committee RECEIVED this item for information.

## 2. ACCESSIBILITY OFFICE UPDATE

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**That the Accessibility Advisory Committee receive an update and provide feedback as appropriate.**

Megan Richard, Corporate Accessibility Specialist, Legislative Services, Office of the City Clerk, accompanied by Sarah Beriault, spoke to a PowerPoint Presentation, a copy of which is held on file with the City Clerk.

Questions and comments were pertained to, but not limited to, adding Accessibility Spotlight and response to inquiries to the AAC page on Ottawa.ca, measuring by-law infractions and physical barriers such as sidewalks and accessible parking spots, and improving the site plan process by including an accessibility lens.

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After discussion, the Committee RECEIVED this item for information.

## **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **3. 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE – ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**That the Accessibility Advisory Committee confirm the 2022 meeting schedule.**

Chair Turcotte explained that the meeting schedule for this year end in September due to the fact that it is a municipal election year. He added that although members' terms will end on October 14, 2022, members will be asked to continue in their role until the next recruitment process is complete.

The Committee proceeded to approve the meeting schedule with the addition of a Special Meeting in April, which has yet to be determined, to receive a presentation regarding the City of Ottawa's Municipal Accessibility Plan.

### **4. WORKING GROUP UPDATES**

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**That the Accessibility Advisory Committee receive the updates for information.**

A meeting is scheduled on March 22, 2022 regarding Kirkwood Avenue – Carling to Merivale Accessibility. Member Kelly will be participating and Member Patterson also volunteered to participate.

Battery-Electric Bus in-person orientation was held on March 11, 2022. Although no members were able to attend, staff indicated that representation from other agencies attend and provided feedback. An update was sent by staff to circulate to the Committee.

Member Karam informed the Committee on Para Transpo pick up/drop off spot at Rideau Centre, noting the issues with vehicles parking in that location. Tom Crowley, Coordinator, Accessibility - Transit System, Transit Services offered to review the issue and communicate with the member offline. It was suggested to contact the City of Kingston as they have designated parking spots at intersections.

Chair Turcotte advised that he submitted a memorandum to City Council in regard to e-scooters, which will be considered at its meeting of March 23, 2022.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

The appointment report for three members will be considered at the Community and Protective Services Committee on March 31, 2022. The AAC annual report will also be considered at this meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 8:36 pm.

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**Committee Coordinator**

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**Chair**