

**City Council, Advisory Committee, Standing Committee and Commission
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Motion

Notice of Motion / Avis de

Committee : Accessibility Advisory Committee
Comité: Comité consultatif sur l'accessibilité

Report / Agenda: 18
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Item / Article: 5

Re: 2022 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets – Accessibility Advisory Committee

Moved by Chair Turcotte

WHEREAS the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA)* provides that the City of Ottawa must follow standards to become more accessible to people with disabilities, with the goal for the province is to be fully accessible by 2025; and

WHEREAS the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) believes that this goal will not be achieved unless adequate City resources are committed to its fulfillment; and

WHEREAS the City's Accessible formats and Communication Supports Procedure requires accommodations to be made for persons with disabilities to enable them to participate in public meetings, including but not limited to Standing Committee and Advisory Committee meetings; and

WHEREAS the AAC understands that the Office of the City Clerk will undertake consultations in 2022 as part of the Term of Council Governance review report, which will include a review of the procedural provisions for electronic participations meetings of Council, Standing Committees and Advisory Committees; and

WHEREAS the AAC also wishes to offer these general recommendations in addition to any specific comments it may offer during the budget 2022 consultation process; and

WHEREAS that nothing in this motion is intended to subtract from the City's duties and obligations towards persons with disabilities under the Ontario Human Rights Code, the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*, or any other such statute that may confer upon the City duties and obligations towards persons with disabilities, and the funding thereof;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the AAC strongly recommends that budget 2022 commits dedicated adequate resources aimed at ensuring that , from now on, persons with disabilities can fully participate, with the appropriate supports, during any meetings of Standing Committees, Advisory Committees, or other meetings where public delegations may be expected to participate, as well as any public or community-based consultations held by City staff with the members of the public, including but not limited to the option to participate remotely, by way of virtual video conference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AAC strongly recommends that budget 2022 commits dedicated adequate resources aimed at ensuring that the City maintains real-time enforcement capacity to actively respond to accessibility complaints within the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that AAC recommends that the Accessibility Office provide benchmarking statistics in advance of the 2023 budget on the current resources aimed at ensuring that the City maintains real-time enforcement capacity to actively respond to accessibility complaints within the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that AAC recommends that, as part of the 2022-2026 governance review, the Office of the City Clerk provide procedural options for Council's consideration for persons with disabilities to continue participating remotely, by way of virtual video conference, during any meetings of Standing Committees, Advisory Committees, or other meetings where public delegations may be expected to participate.