

St. Thomas Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

MINUTES
November 18, 2021

Location: Teams Video Meeting

Time: 9:00am

Present: C. Topping, Councillor S. Peters, S. Rodaway, T. Tiersma, K. Lizotte, A. Williams, L. McClure; A. McWhirter; B. Ryan.

9:07 a.m. The meeting convened with C. Topping, Chair, presiding.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

NIL

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion by: L. McClure– A. Williams

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on May 27, 2021 be confirmed.

Carried.

REPORTS of COMMITTEES

1. **Budget:** Nothing to report on expenditures. Secretary to request budget for 2022 and will inform Treasury that funds were not used in 2021.

Motion by: S. Rodaway – L. McClure

THAT: That funds that were not used in 2021 be returned to the City's coffers.

Carried.

2. **Special Events:** S. Rodaway brought members up to speed on Special Events committee meetings:

- Ross St. Merchants will be having an outdoor market on sidewalks - regular parking/pedestrian traffic in effect.
- Lighting of Christmas Tree is the 1st weekend in December and will likely not be a public event due to COVID-19.
- Drive-thru Christmas parade (3,4,5) with buses or vehicular traffic only through Pinafore Park (no pedestrians) Lights will be on display all month. All events to follow SWPH directives.

3. **Site Plan Control:** While the new apartments/developments that are in progress have accessible parking in place, the Chair shared the different initiatives:

- Doug Tarry development on Styles Street, another at the old Laundry Mat location on First Ave/Myrtle Street; in addition to other small walk-ups.
- New Fire station and transition living on Queen Street.
- New foodbank with transition living located above will be built behind Destination Church
- Micro apartments are fully occupied above Railway City Transit Station.
- Inn out of the Cold will be moving into old Shrine Club in December as the new home at Princess Ave is not completed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. National AccessAbility Awareness Week – first week of June 2022 – Chair discussed that holding the Open House during this time frame might be a good fit if COVID restrictions are not in effect.
2. Committee Appointments – The terms of appointment for K. Lizotte, B. Ryan and A. McWhirter are expiring at the end of 2021. The Chair reminded members that deadline to re-apply is November 26th.
3. OBIAA Virtual Conference – Unfortunately members were not able to attend this conference to report back to the committee.
4. ONDemand App for Parallel Transit – K. Lizotte informed members of some issues with respect to the function of the app of which he has informed the Transportation Technician and Railway City Transit. Via is working on this as well. K. Lizotte will have an update at next meeting
5. AODA & Parallel Transit– S. Rodaway mentioned that she is looking into if changes to the OnDemand for Parallel Transit are following the AODA requirements. Members discussed the ½ hour time frame for pick-up and issues that this presents to riders.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Members have request that Secretary invite R. Patrick, Transportation Technician, for a December meeting to discuss signal timing and parallel transit. The Secretary shared with the committee that the Transit Review report was presented to Council at the November 1st, 2021 meeting and was available to view online.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be in December to discuss Parallel Transit and Signal Timing. Secretary to send an invitation to R. Patrick and then send out calendar invitation to members once the date is set.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: Councillor S. Peters – B. Ryan

THAT: The committee adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Carried.


Signed, Chair, Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee


Date