



**Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes
June 8, 2021 via Zoom
(16:00 – 18:00)**

Attendees:

Chair – S. Jennings

Members – A. Love, C. Paisley, L. Bartram, S. Hough, P. Singh, M. Dewar, C. Marks, N. Moss

Council Liaisons – S. Potts, B. Isitt

Staff – M. Sandhu, A. Mas, I. Husu,

1. Meeting Called to Order at 16:08

2. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by S. Jennings

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Round of Introductions

- All members and staff introduced themselves

4. Remarks from the Chair

- Excitement about dedication and enthusiasm on behalf of all members
- Welcome new members

5. Business Arising

5a. Parking - Staff Presentation (I. Husu, Manager of Parking Services)

1. Reviewed changes parking fees on Sundays
 - Concern raised that four hours is not sufficient, request for extended hours.
 - Four-hour policy is not clear – C. Paisley will follow up with I. Husu
 - Ambassadors surveyed parking on Sundays to check for Accessible Parking Placards and found that there were not many parked vehicles with Accessible Parking Placards.

MOTION

To provide free parking all day on Sundays for Accessible Parking Placard holders.



*Moved by N. Moss
Seconded by C. Marks*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ACTION ITEM: A. Mas to send motion to Councillor S. Potts.

2. Parkades will be transitioning into street parking payment system.

- Main benefit is that there is no longer a gate, along with several operational benefits.
- Operational change with significant staffing impacts, minimal external input and communications on this change.
- No prior discussion of accessibility considerations, but testing was done by people with disabilities for the kiosks. New kiosks and payment app are ADA-compliant.
- Parkades are essentially becoming street parking spaces, 1 hour grace period applies for people with Accessible Parking Placards. First hour free parking spaces can be eliminated if more accessible spaces are needed in the future.

Additional comments on Parking:

- Request to improve communications around parking (e.g. one-hour grace period)
- Request to clarify regulations around displaying expiry date of Accessible Parking Permits with ticket officers.
- Clarification about Handydart – Free bus pass for youth would not be applied to youth with disabilities as they require Handydart service. This is currently being explored by BC Transit, as it is not strictly in the City's jurisdiction.
- Accessible Parking Permits – Language is not consistent, the City is working on this.
- Accessibility Lens will be helpful for future decision-making around parking.

ACTION ITEM: A. Mas to follow up on Dallas Road Accessible Parking Survey - allow for identification of parking stalls in survey so that people can tie accessibility concerns to specific parking stalls.

5b. Accessibility Week Plan

- M. Sandhu provided an update on the City website
 - Discussion about the merit of writing bios, concern raised about having a bio on the website resulting in being targeted as a vulnerable community member. Other members expressed interest in having a bio listed on the website.



- M. Sandhu suggests taking time to get to know each other and revisiting this item in the fall. Verbal approval from Committee.

Approval of the Minutes

- Request to revise minutes for typo – Feedback for typos to be sent to A. Mas

MOTION TO ACCEPT AMENDED MINUTES CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5c. Updated Terms of Reference – Pilot goes until April 2022

- C. Paisley proposed change to first page replace “issues” with “barriers” (e.g. “that reflect a diversity of accessibility issues of members of the community as outlined in the Accessibility Framework”)
- Duplication correction

5d. Accessibility Impact Statement

- Request for clarification on use of term “guidebook” in “Accessibility Lens Guidebook”
- Request to update terminology by changing term “problem” to “barrier” to avoid negative connotations

5e. Accessibility Lens

- Updates have been made to address Council feedback, particularly clarifying and simplifying content

ACTION ITEM: S. Jennings to send a note requesting edits for language.

ACTION ITEM: L. Bartram to send proposed edits to S. Jennings.

ACTION ITEM: Any other edits to Accessibility Lens to be sent to S. Jennings.

6. New Business

- Closure of Beacon Hill Road as a barrier to access the only accessible washroom in the park will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

7. Communication Protocols

- S. Jennings expressed gratitude to everyone participating, and a desire for everyone to leave meeting feeling like we are making progress. If anyone does not feel the meetings are productive, please contact S. Jennings.
- Request was made for developing a system to address timely concerns. C. Potts is exploring ways to inform AAC with more advanced notice.
- New agenda items need to be sent a week prior to meetings.



- Minutes will be uploaded to the website in the next week.

8. Next Meeting Date – July 13

- Medium to Long Term Action Plan
- Finalize Accessibility Lens
- Edits to all other discussed documents

9. Adjournment – 18:17