



**City of Kingston  
Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee  
Meeting Number 04-2022  
Minutes**

**Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.  
In a virtual, electronic format**

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**Committee Members Present**

Andrew Ashby, Chair

Councillor Neill

Penny Bennett

Caitlin Bruce

Chantaille Buczynski (Arrived to meeting at 1:18 p.m.)

Aimee Burtch

Dinah Cotter

Kate Deacon

Glenn Griffiths

William McMillan

Susan Mockler

Janice Wilby

David Williams

**Regrets**

William McMillan

Corey Scott

Nikolas Tolgyesi

**Staff Members Present**

Melissa Boulton, Administrative Assistant, Facilities Management & Construction Services

Speros Kanellos, Director, Facilities Management & Construction Services

Matt Kussin, Manager, Transportation Policy & Programs

Greg McLean, Policy & Program Coordinator

Derek Ochej, Acting Deputy City Clerk

Jeff Rempel, Manager, Facility Construction Services

Kevin Stephenson, Supervisor, Recruitment & Selection

Iain Sullivan, Committee Clerk

**Others Present**

Councillor Boehme

Members of the Public were present.

**Meeting to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Neill

Seconded by Ms. Bruce

**That** the agenda be amended to include the addendums, and as amended, be approved.

**Carried**

**Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved by Ms. Wilby

Seconded by Ms. Cotter

**That** the Minutes of the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Number 03-2022 held June 2, 2022 be approved.

**Carried**

### **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

There was none.

### **Delegations**

There were none.

### **Briefings**

- a) Speros Kanellos, Director, Facilities Management & Construction Services, was present and spoke to the Committee regarding the Facilities Management & Construction Services Update Report.

Mr. Kanellos conducted a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Facilities Management & Construction Services Update Report, a copy of which may be obtained by contacting the City Clerk's Department.

Mr. Williams asked for clarification on if the new transit stations would only be at the major stops. Mr. Rempel stated that the new stations were planned as a replacement program. He explained that a few would be built at test sites first before a full roll-out. He confirmed that Henderson Place would be the first location.

The Committee had no further questions or comments.

### **Business**

#### **a) 2023 – 2025 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan**

Mr. Ochej provided a brief introduction to the report.

Ms. Bennett stated that she was very impressed by the work the City does on accessibility issues. She commended staff for their work.

The Committee had no further questions or comments.

Moved by Councillor Neill  
Seconded by Ms. Mockler

**That** the Municipal Advisory Committee recommend to Council at its meeting scheduled for November 10, 2022:

**That** the 2023 – 2025 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, attached as Exhibit A to Report Number MAAC-22-012, be approved.

**Carried**

**b) Temporary Sidewalk Parking Exemption Review**

Mr. Kussin provided an overview of the report and explained why the report had been referred to the Committee for comment.

Ms. Bennett asked for clarification on why the streets were designed in this manner. She noted her preference that Council not adopt the permanent parking exemption. Mr. Kussin stated that there were concerns about vehicles encroaching the sidewalk due to the length of the driveways.

Ms. Buczynski noted her own personal experiences and stated her preference that Council not adopt the exemption. She asked for the definition of accessibility staff were using and in what way the second option in the report would impact it. Mr. Kussin stated that a vehicle in the exempted zone would have to park as close as possible to the garage door. He explained that option two would allow for vehicles to encroach on the sidewalk. He noted that the report spoke to the impacts on accessibility.

Ms. Burtch noted that it was unfortunate the neighbourhood had been designed in such a way. She asked what the costs would be to replace the sidewalks. She asked for clarification on the nature of the roads affected. She sought additional information on the nature of the complaints received. Mr. Kussin explained that the streets affected were all residential. He noted that the complaints came from multiple sources. He stated that there were no plans to replace the sidewalks.

Ms. Deacon asked if the exemption could be made seasonal. Mr. Kussin stated that the current winter street parking ban would make that difficult. Mr. McLean added that a requirement of option two would be that residents would have to clear the sidewalks of snow.

Ms. Bruce stated that she appreciated both sides. She provided a personal example of her need for sidewalks. She commented that she could support the exemption but only with strict enforcement.

Ms. Cotter noted her need for clear sidewalks. She provided examples of blocked sidewalks in other neighbourhoods. She expressed concern that this would set a precedent for the rest of the city. She asked if the exemption would be given to other streets. Mr. Kussin stated that it would not expand. Mr. McLean noted that vehicles across the city are allowed to park on the street for a maximum of 12 hours.

Ms. Mockler expressed her concern between the balance of safety and accessibility versus inconvenience. She sought clarification on the standards used during the trial. She asked if the City would be providing oversight. Mr. Kussin noted the enforcement in place during the trail. He stated that if the exemption was granted enforcement would be conducted differently.

Ms. Buczynski commented that a solution would have to ensure that a wheelchair could still pass on the sidewalk.

Councillor Neill noted that the issue stemmed from approvals given by the Township of Pittsburgh. He noted that the exemption could set a precedent in the City.

Ms. Burtch asked if the exemption could be made temporary.

Mr. Ashby commented on the nature of the Committee. He noted his concerns about accessibility complaints against the City stemming from the exemption.

Mr. Williams sought clarification on when the report would be presented to Council. Mr. Sullivan confirmed it would be before the November 10, 2022 meeting of Council.

The Chair recognized Councillor Boehme.

Councillor Boehme explained that the sidewalk was too close to the houses. He noted that the exemption was an attempt to fix an issue of planning. He noted his appreciation in being able to speak to the Committee.

The Chair afforded the public an opportunity to make comments.

Roger Healey noted that Kingston is a car-focused community. He noted his concern that Kingston would end up filled with exemptions. He brought attention back to the letter he sent the Committee.

There were no further comments from members of the public.

The Committee had no further questions or comments.

### **c) Recruitment & Retention Accessibility Update**

Mr. Stevenson provided an overview of the report.

Ms. Bennett asked if the City had difficulty recruiting employees. She asked if the City could place more emphasis in job postings that accommodation is available. Mr. Stevenson stated that he would be happy to discuss this with the rest of his department.

The Committee had no further questions or comments.

**d) Accessibility Office Report – Q2 - Q3 2022**

Mr. Ochej provided an overview of the report.

Ms. Mocker asked if people would be able to attend the awards ceremony virtually. Mr. Ochej stated that he would confirm with IS&T and confirm with her.

The Committee had no further questions or comments.

**e) Facilities Management & Construction Services Update**

The Committee had no further questions or comments.

**f) Working Group Reports**

**i) Awareness & Education Working Group**

Mr. Ochej provided an overview of the report.

**ii) Built Environment Working Group**

Mr. Williams provided an overview of the report.

Moved by Ms. Wilby

Seconded by Mr. Griffiths

**That** the Awareness & Education Working Group and Built Environment Working Group reports be received.

**Carried**

**g) Appointments to Project Teams**

Moved by Mr. Griffiths

Seconded by Ms. Deacon

**That** the following members of MAAC be appointed to the respective project teams.

- Celebrating Accessibility Awards: Janice Wilby, Penny Bennett and Aimee Burtch;
- City Hall Market Street Bridge: Glenn Griffiths and Dinah Cotter

**Carried**

### **Motions**

There were none.

### **Notices of Motion**

There were none.

### **Other Business**

Mr. Sullivan informed the Committee about the passing of Maxine Bridges and the Committee offered its condolences.

Ms. Bennett commended the accessibility machines used in the 2022 municipal elections.

### **Correspondence**

See addendum.

### **Date and time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee is to be determined.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Neill  
Seconded by Ms. Mockler

**That** the meeting of the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee adjourn at 2:58 p.m.

**Carried**