

**REPORT NO. 112 of the
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT,
HEALTH & CULTURE STANDING COMMITTEE**
of its meeting held September 12, 2012


Present: Councillor Ed Sleiman, Vice Chair
Councillor Percy Hatfield
Councillor Hilary Payne
Councillor Alan Halberstadt

Absent: Councillor Ron Jones


That the following recommendation of the Social Development, Health and Culture Standing Committee **BE APPROVED** as follows:

Moved by Councillor Payne, seconded by Councillor Hatfield,
THAT the minutes of the Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held July 17, 2012 **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

Clerk's Note: The minutes of the Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held July 17, 2012 are attached as background information.



VICE CHAIRPERSON



COUNCIL SECRETARIAT

NOTIFICATION:		
Name	Address	Email

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Windsor, Ontario July 17, 2012

A meeting of the **Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee** is held this day commencing at 2:00 o'clock p.m. in Room 406, 400 City Hall Square East, there being present the following members:

Councillor Ed Sleiman, Acting Chair
John Azlen
Jason Beaudin
Peter Best
Tanya Emmett
Sandra Friesen
Kathy Iacovone
Meghan Johnson-Etue (alternate member)
Bridget Lefort (alternate member)
Christine Trudell-Conklin
Mehnaz Rafat (alternate member)

Guests in attendance:

Jim McMullin re Item 5.2
Connie and Madonna Strange, re Item 5.4
Melody Cook, Operations Director, Community Living Windsor, re Item 5.4
Debbie Neville, re Item 5.4

Also present are the following resource personnel:

John Brunelle, Handi Transit
Vic A. Garabedian, Board Member, Handi Transit
Gayle Jones, Diversity/Accessibility Officer
Mario Sonego, City Engineer
Karen Kadour, (A) Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Acting Chair calls the meeting to order at 2:04 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule "A" attached hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

It is generally agreed the election of the Chair be deferred to the September 19, 2012 meeting of the Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT**

None disclosed.

4. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

Moved by S. Friesen, seconded by K. Iacovone,
That the minutes of the Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee at its meeting held June 14, 2012 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Moved by J. Azlen, seconded by C. Trudell-Conklin,
That Rule 3.3 (c) of the *Procedure By-law 98-2011* be waived to add the following addition to the Agenda:

5.4 **Family Aquatic Centre**

Carried.

5. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

5.4 **Family Aquatic Centre**

The presentation to the Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee including the letter from Connie and Madonna Strange requesting accessible amenities at the Family Aquatic Centre is distributed and attached as Appendix "A". Connie and Madonna Strange (sisters) have disabilities caused by Cerebral Palsy and are requesting the following accessible features at the Family Aquatic Complex:

- Ramps with railings leading into the pool
- Accessible hot tub areas
- Ramps to go deep enough into the water to allow for flotation in and out of reclining adjustable waterproof chairs
- Small underwater benches with hand rails to allow independent sitting
- Handrails in the water where people can stand independently
- Adjustable walking bars that allow therapy and freedom of motion
- Staff trained and familiar with use of the equipment
- Accessible change area (for both genders and ages)
- Ceiling lifts in the change area
- Accessible washrooms including safety rails that can be height-adjusted for bathroom use

- Spacious washrooms to allow for support people and equipment including wheelchairs and pool chairs

G. Jones thanks Connie and Madonna Strange along with the Director from Community Living for their presentation.

5.2 Review of Accessible Pathway Dimensions

Jim McMullin, is present and available for questions regarding the congested walkway in front of the businesses located at 266 Ouellette and 276 Ouellette Avenue. Several photos of the area are distributed and *attached* as Appendix "B". He has requested the planters in front of 266 and 276 Ouellette be removed. He states he has difficulty with coordination and depth perception and it is difficult to maneuver around chairs blocking the sidewalk.

M. Sonogo reports the walkway in question has the 8 foot width as is required. He notes there are raised planters with trees and at times, people sit and outstretch their legs which affects the 8 foot clearance. He states if the operators of the said establishments cannot control the patrons, the sidewalk café agreement could be in jeopardy of renewal.

J. Beaudin indicates there are several panhandlers in this area who sit on the planters. He notes the issue is about enforcement rather than the removal of the planters.

K. Iacovone states there are bicycles and e-bikes at times that block the right-of-way. She indicates people treat persons with disabilities as if they are invisible.

J. Beaudin volunteers to speak to the owners of 266 Ouellette and 276 Ouellette on behalf of Mr. McMullin.

G. Jones suggests sending a letter on behalf of WAAC to the owners of 266 Ouellette and 276 Ouellette.

P. Best suggests the erection of signage indicating to "keep the sidewalk clear".

Moved by K. Iacovone, seconded by C. Trudell-Conklin,

That Jason Beaudin, WAAC member **BE DIRECTED** to speak to the owners of 266 Ouellette and 276 Ouellette to raise awareness of the difficulty some patrons experience due to the lack of adherence to the eight foot clearance policy and further, following a period of three weeks, if the situation is not remedied, that the Diversity/Accessibility Officer **BE AUTHORIZED** to send a letter to the owners of 266 Ouellette and 276 Ouellette Avenue on behalf of the Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Carried.

5.1 Review of Funding Application on behalf of the late Reverend Charles Payne

The report of the City Engineer dated May 31, 2012 entitled "Request for Improvements at McHugh near Aspenshore Retirement Home" is distributed and attached as Appendix "C".

Mario Sonogo, City Engineer advises the late Reverend Charles Payne expressed the following concerns regarding access and accessibility in the vicinity of the Aspenshore Nursing Home:

1. A curb cut mid-block in front of the Aspenshore property on McHugh to connect to the trail on the north side of McHugh Street.
2. A bus shelter constructed on McHugh Street near the Aspenshore property.
3. A sidewalk to be constructed across the McHugh Park frontage to access the Park and the trail to the west.
4. A pedestrian traffic signal at the intersection immediately east of the Aspenshore Nursing Home. This intersection is identified as Indigo Avenue.
5. That this work should be funded through the funds set aside by the City of Windsor to deal with accessibility issues that have not been spent to date.

M. Sonogo indicates he does not recommend installing a curb cut mid-block in front of the Aspenshore property, as there are issues with visibility and high traffic speeds on McHugh Street.

As it relates to the installation of a bus shelter in front of Aspenshore Nursing Home, M. Sonogo indicates Transit Windsor has this site on their waiting list, but it is not a high priority due to low ridership in the area.

M. Sonogo states the current sidewalk leads from the Nursing Home westerly to the McHugh Park parking lot to a newly constructed sidewalk adjacent to the south side of the parking lot. This sidewalk was constructed in 2011 by the Parks Department to provide a link between the Nursing Home and an existing multi-use trail on the west side of the parking lot.

M. Sonogo advises the pedestrian or vehicular volume coming from the intersection at McHugh and Indigo, does not warrant the construction of traffic signal. He reports the cost of a traffic/pedestrian signal is approximately \$70,000.

Moved by P. Best, seconded by K. Iacovone,

That the report of the City Engineer dated May 31, 2012 entitled "Request for Improvements at McHugh Near Aspenshore Retirement Home" **BE NOTED AND FILED.**

Carried.

6. **FINANCIAL**

The Financial Summary Variance Report for the period ending June 30, 2012 is received for information.

7. **DIVERSITY AND ACCESSIBILITY OFFICER REPORT**

7.1 **Subcommittee Development – Policy & Plan Development**

G. Jones reports the “Integrated Accessibility Standard Policy” acknowledges the legislative requirement and the commitment by the City of Windsor to provide accessible employment, information and communication and transportation. This commitment extends to residents, visitors and employees with visible and non-visible disabilities She suggests a subcommittee be established to assist her with the Integrated Accessibility Standard Policy and the Multi Year Plan development.

Moved by J. Beaudin, seconded by K. Iacovone,

That a Subcommittee of the Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee **BE ESTABLISHED** consisting of J. Beaudin, T. Emmett, J. Azlen and K. Iacovone to assist the Diversity/Accessibility Officer with the Integrated Accessibility Standard Policy and the Multi Year Plan development..

Carried.

It is suggested that Don Sadler, Project Manager of the Family Aquatic Centre be invited to attend the September 19, 2012 WAAC meeting to provide information relating to accessible features at the new Aquatic Centre.

7.2 **Update Motion regarding Sign Language Interpreters**

Moved by J. Beaudin, seconded by P. Best,

That the Diversity/Accessibility Officer **BE GIVEN** authority to access the Non-Built Environment Fund for costs associated with American Sign Language interpreters when required.

Carried.

G. Jones will provide the Non-Built Environment Fund Policy for the September 19, 2012 WAAC meeting.

8. **CHAIR’S REPORT**

8.1 **Article in “Municipal World” July 2012**

The article in Municipal World July 2012 regarding the input by the Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee to ensure accessibility at the WFCU Centre is received for information.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 2:00 o'clock p.m. in Room 407, 400 City Hall Square East.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 3:42 o'clock p.m.

ACTING CHAIR

(A) COMMITTEE COORDINATOR

AGENDA
WINDSOR ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, July 17th, 2012
at 2:00 o'clock p.m.
Meeting room 406
400 City Hall Square East, Windsor

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **NEW BUSINESS ITEMS**

2.1- Election of Chair/Co-Chair or appointment of an acting Chair

3. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT**

4. **MINUTES**

Adoption of the minutes of the meetings held June 14, 2012.- **attached.**

5. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

5.1 Review of Funding application- on behalf of the late Rev. Charles Payne

5.2 Review of Accessible Pathway dimensions- See attachment for noted concerns

5.3 Accessible Customer Service Training

6. **FINANCIAL**

6.1 Financial Summary Variance Report. – **attached.**

7. **Diversity and Accessibility Officer Report**

- 7.1 Subcommittee development – Policy and plan development- - *attached- first draft of policy.*
- 7.2 Update motion regarding sign language interpreters for training, meetings or events.

8. **Chair's Report**

- 8.1 Article in “Municipal World” July 2012, p. 14- *attached.*

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date and location of the meeting is to be determined.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**