

ADOPTED by Council at its meeting held January 6, 2014 [M19-2014]

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Windsor, Ontario, January 6, 2014

**REPORT NO. 197 of the  
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT,  
HEALTH & CULTURE STANDING COMMITTEE**  
of its meeting held November 6, 2013

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**Present:**  
**Councillor Ed Sleiman, Chair**  
**Councillor Jo-Anne Gignac**  
**Councillor Alan Halberstadt**  
**Councillor Fulvio Valentinis**

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

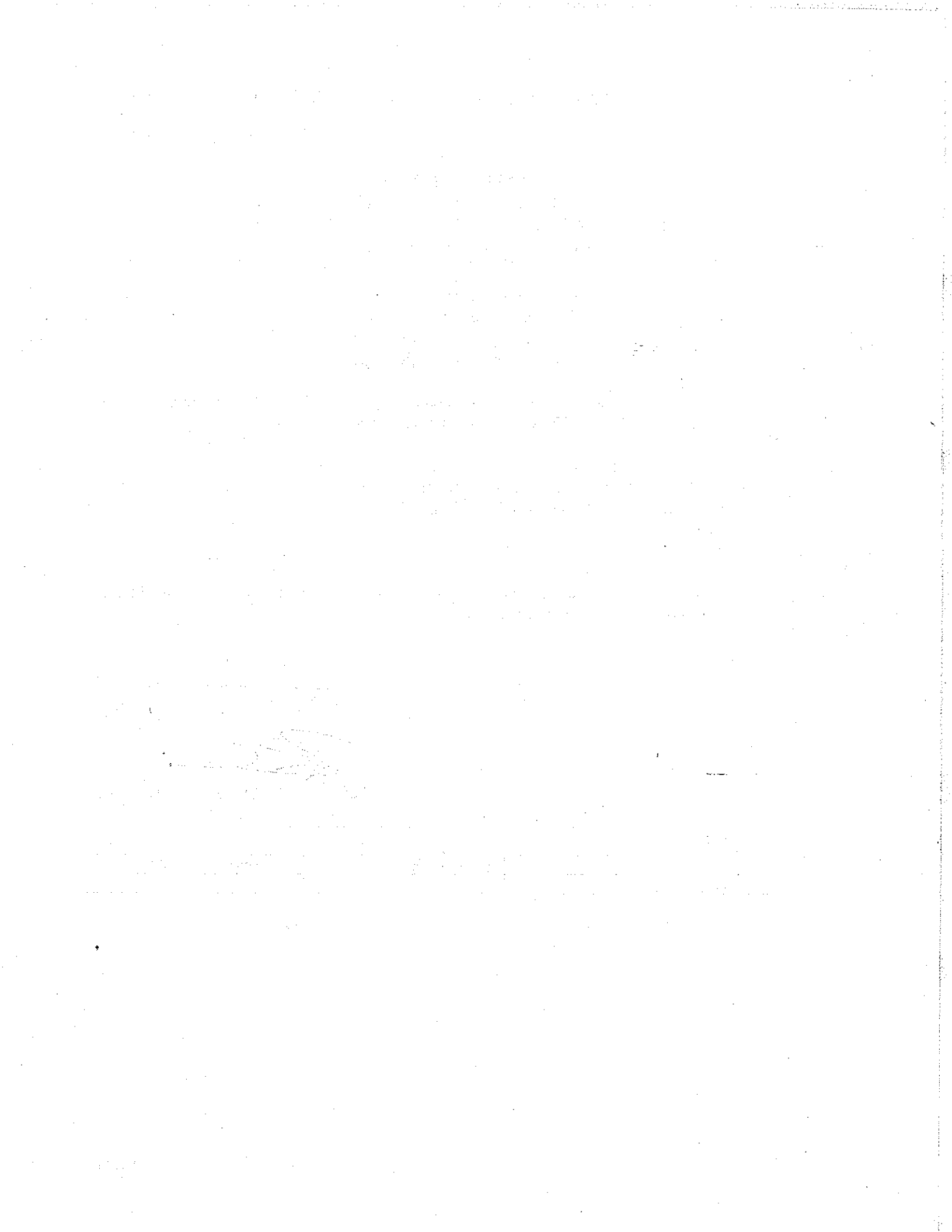
Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Valentinis,  
THAT the 2013 Chairperson's Report for the Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee **BE RECEIVED** for information.  
Carried.

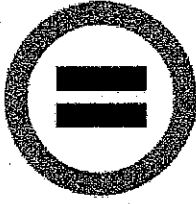
*Clerk's Note:* The 2013 Chairperson's Report for the Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee is attached as background information.

  
CHAIRPERSON

  
COUNCIL SECRETARIAT

NOTIFICATION :				
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WAAC membership				





# WINDSOR ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*Because access equals opportunity*

October 18, 2013

Social Development Standing Committee

350 City Hall Square

Windsor Ontario

**RE: Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee Report to Standing  
Committee**

- The Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee (WAAC) worked with the Family Aquatic Complex Committee to assist with accessibility advice and input. The committee reviewed the ideas presented for the Family Aquatic Complex and presented additional ideas and concepts. As a result of the assistance and funding of WAAC the accessibility at the Aquatic facility will be greatly enhanced above and beyond required accessibility standards. In addition to providing their own input the Committee worked with a local agency who has two sisters attend the meeting so that they could provided their input and ideas. WAAC provided significant funding to ensure that the Aquatic facility will have a lift to assist customers with mobility limitations in the change room area, specialized accessibility flotation aids, aqua wheelchairs to assist customers to enter the water and non aquatic wheelchairs to assist with mobility throughout the facility, underwater walkers, portable aquatic steps and specialized lifejackets to allow individuals to experience water who have a loss of autonomy and mobility. This is all above and beyond standard accessibility features as set out in

the Facility Accessibility Design Standards and the regular pool lifts and moveable pool floor to assist those with mobility disabilities.

- WAAC also provided support for a grant application for wayfinding for the Family Aquatic Complex
- The Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee has been a strong supporter of the Face to Face job shadowing program an initiative that is held during National Accessibility Awareness Week and is aimed at providing opportunities for individuals with disabilities who face employment barriers to gain experience and exposure in an employment setting within their community. Programs such as this provide a wonderful opportunity for the Corporation of the City of Windsor to reaffirm its dedication to employment equity and provide an opportunity to showcase the skills, abilities and education of individuals with disabilities and provide practical experience to employees within a variety of City Departments regarding the benefits of hiring and working alongside individuals with disabilities. WAAC has provided financial support as well as promoting a high level of corporate participation in Face to Face job shadowing program. Each year the City has increased its participation and this year the corporation hosted placements for 10 individuals in a number of departments throughout the City.
- The members of the Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee have a wealth of knowledge and expertise to offer regarding how to increase accessibility in facilities and services. The Committee continues to provide Accessibility audits which have resulted in significant projects and improvements:
  - Worked with Engineering to provide input and advice on new curb ramp specifications for the City that meet accessibility needs and requirements. After the Committee did site visits to see current ideas and techniques, they provided input and the engineering department incorporated their input.
  - Provided an accessibility audit and advice and input, assistance and funding to assist with the Forest Glade Arena improvements. Including the installation of accessible sliding doors into rinks A and B, upgrades to service counters to meet corporate facility Accessibility Standards upgrades to restrooms to be accessible and comply with FADS and new accessible signage throughout Facility.

- Worked with and provided expertise, input, advice and funding regarding the Accessible Park Project in Patterson Park- Councillor Jones (focus on persons with mobility disabilities)
- Worked with and provided expertise, input, advice and funding regarding the Accessible Park Project in Alexander Park- Ed Sleiman (Focus on persons who are blind or who have visual impairments)
- The Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee has been a long time supporter and sponsor of the annual Accessibility Workshop however it is excited to change focus and aims to host an Accessibility Event in Windsor in the second half of 2014

Sincerely,

*Wayne Meneguzzi*

Chair of the Windsor Accessibility Advisory Committee

