



Corporation of the City of
NEW WESTMINSTER

**Access Ability Advisory Committee
(AAAC)**

**Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.
Committee Room 2 – City Hall**

AGENDA

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1.1 Additions to and adoption of the Agenda of February 28, 2019

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of June 14, 2018

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Orientation & Oath of Office – Heather Corbett

3.2 Queens Park Sportsplex – Jay Young & Lazarus Yotamu

3.3 2019 AAAC Work Plan – Lisa Leblanc

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 No items

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Election of the Alternate Chair - Committee

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 No items

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 No items

8.0 NEXT MEETING DATE

8.1 April 11, June 13, September 12 & November 14

9.0 ADJOURNMENT



**ACCESS ABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(AAAC)**

**Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.
Council Chamber & Chamber Meeting Room
City Hall**

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Patrick Johnstone	- Chair
Paul Haskel	- Community Member
Tanis Juriga	- Community Member
Asifa Lalji	- Community Member
Karla Olson	- Community Member
Julia Schoennagel	- Community Member
Colleen Vogler	- Community Member
Harvey Wolfson	- Community Member

REGRETS:

Anne Bélanger	- Community Member
Chris Nicholson	- SD40 Representative

STAFF:

Lisa Leblanc	- Manager, Transportation, Engineering Services
Jasmine Minhas	- Engineering Services
Carol Lee	- Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 pm.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1.1 Adoption of the Agenda of June 14, 2018

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda of the Access Ability Advisory Committee meeting held on June 14, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED.

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of April 12, 2018

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Access Ability Advisory Committee held on April 12, 2018, be adopted with the following amendment:

- *Page 4, first bullet – replace “...to avoid future legal rights complaints” with “...to avoid future human rights complaints”.*

CARRIED.

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

There were no items.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Downtown Parking Issues – Sub-Committee Meeting Summary

Lisa Leblanc advised that a sub-committee was struck to consider parking issues in-depth, particularly those in the downtown area. Ms. Leblanc reviewed the summary of the discussion that was distributed with the agenda material, including the following information:

- Eight broad issues were discussed and are summarized in the Downtown Parking Issues report
- The sub-committee identified five actions that will be addressed over the next year.

The Committee noted the following:

- It would be useful for the City to contact SPARC, to clarify the types of temporary handicap parking placards that it issues
- Suggestion to issue a different coloured placard to indicate a financial barrier
- There are parking spaces designated for people with needs other than physical disabilities e.g. individuals recovering from surgeries etc.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Access Ability Advisory Committee receive the report and endorse the work plan.

CARRIED.

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Commercial Vehicle Amendment Bylaw (Accessible Taxis) – Lisa Leblanc

Lisa Leblanc, Manager, Transportation, Engineering Services, played a clip of the Council meeting where this item was referred to the AAAC.

The Chair noted the following:

- The City is responsible for issuing taxi licenses
- Recently, there have been more requests for accessible taxi licenses than have been granted
- The AAAC could advocate for more accessible taxis with the Passenger Transportation Board (PTB)
- Need to consider whether ride-hailing services should be required to meet accessibility standards.

In response to questions from the Committee, Ms. Leblanc advised that the PTB stipulates the number of vehicles to receive licenses, the number of accessible vehicles and the area to be served.

The Committee noted the following:

- Need to confirm that licensed accessible taxis are actually operational and in service
- Need for priority booking of accessible taxis for those passengers that actually require them
- Seniors are more likely in need of accessible transportation and there are few options available
- HandyDART is not a viable transportation option due to the lengthy pre-booking requirements
- Accessible taxis are used to augment the HandyDART service, further reducing the available supply.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Access Ability Advisory Committee recommend that the City advocate to the Passenger Transportation Board and appropriate Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to:

- A. *Increase the number of accessible taxis in the region;*
- B. *Give priority to accessible taxi licenses until there is an adequate number of accessible taxis in the region; and*

Ensure that future ride-hailing services meet the minimum accessibility

CARRIED.

All members of the Committee present voted in favour of the motion.

The Committee suggested that staff contact the speaker who addressed Council regarding the shortage of accessible taxis to advice of the action being taken by the Committee.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Downtown Parking Issues – AAAC Sub-Committee Report (Item 4.1)

This item was discussed under Item 4.1.

6.2 Updates on Engineering Services' Annual Accessibility Upgrades Program (from 2010 to 2018)

Lisa Leblanc, Manager, Transportation, Engineering Services, summarized the report on the Annual Accessibility Upgrades Program, dated June 14, 2018, including the following information:

- The goal of having all intersections have at least one curb ramp will be met by the end of 2018
- A systematic program of improving curb ramps will commence in the current year.

In response to questions from the Committee, Ms. Leblanc noted that the ideal situation is to have two curb ramps at each corner, with score lines implemented consistently.

The Committee suggested that yellow lines be painted at intersections to indicate where pedestrians should be standing at locations where curb ramps have been installed.

The Committee was requested to advise Ms. Leblanc of the locations of good curb ramps and those that require remediation.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 May 9, 2018 Letter from Walker's Caucus re Pedestrian Crossings

8.0 OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 List of Issues

It was suggested that the list of issues to be addressed by the Committee be reinstated.

8.2 Q to Q Ferry

It was noted that, in response to a concern raised by a Committee member, an accessibility section has been added to the Q to Q Ferry website.

Ms. Leblanc provided the following information in response to a Committee member's comments about the experience of utilizing the Q to Q Ferry in a wheelchair:

- The canvas to cover the wheelchair seating area has been ordered
- The vessels were retrofitted from another use. They were not purposely built for this service and therefore may not be perfectly suited.

9.0 NEXT MEETING DATE

Thursday, September 6, 2018

Thursday, December 6, 2018

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Certified correct,

PATRICK JOHNSTONE
CHAIR

CAROL LEE
RECORDING SECRETARY