Access Advisory Committee - Coordinator Report
February 27th 2018

City of Winnipeg Meetings:

- The Access Advisory committee attended Celebrations Dinner Theatre on Wednesday December 6th as part of our year end for the committee. The AAC recognized Liz Mitchell for her commitment and passion for an accessible and inclusive community, and thanked her for all her years of volunteerism on the AAC.
- The were two Active Transportation Meetings on December 12th and January 10th. On February 20th I attended an ATAC meeting to discuss the final Chevrier detail design and Bikeway Recommendations.
- The AAC is represented on the Project Advisory Committee (PAC) for the Route 90 Expansion Project. It looks it will be a 4-5 year commitment, however it is a wonderful opportunity to have input on a project of this size at the planning table. Although a previous study was completed in 2012, this project is gaining speed once again, with a number of items from that report being carried forward; and a number of new items being added to the scope of work. Our first meeting of PAC was on Thursday January 18th at the Rady Community Centre. There is 4 more meeting planned for 2018 along with a number of community engagements later this spring.
- Marcella and I were asked by John Wyndels of the DIO to help facilitate a table discussion at their special meeting to encourage discussion and input by the Disability Community on the actual and perceived barriers to the new Information and Communications standards. This event was held on Wednesday January 24th at the Union Centre at 1:00pm. Colleen will have a little more information regarding this event.
- We have been invited to speak or make a presentation on Accessibility as part of the TEDx speaches at the Convention Centre in June. We had a special meeting scheduled on Feb. 1st with Judy R., Marcella, and Yutta to discuss what can we do with this opportunity and decide if there is any interest in this. We met a very worthy candidate at the DIO's information meeting regarding communication barriers and she has agreed to represent us as a speaker for this event. Her name is Jocelynn Johnson.
- The final report for the Rick Hansen Foundation deadline is fast approaching, and we will be submitting a post event summary of our activities, and request for the final funding for the City of Winnipeg ($3,000) outstanding project funds for the Transcona Aquatic Centre.

- I was invited to attend an Accessibility Steering Committee meeting on Friday February 23rd to review the City of Winnipeg Applications for the City Wide Accessibility Program grants. Judy R. can give more details on the projects.

Sub Committee Meetings:

Policy Subcommittee:

- Tuesday December 12 Meeting Minutes Attached. And copy of the Letter to the DIO regarding the Employment Standards is also attached.
- Tuesday January 23 Meeting was held to discuss the development of the New OurWinnipeg document with specific reference to Universal Design.
- Tuesday February 13th : Meeting Cancelled

Access Awards:

- Thursday January 11th Meeting Minutes are attached
- Thursday February 8th Access Awards joint meeting with Education Meeting Minutes are attached

Education and Communication:

- Thursday January 25th Meeting to plan for the 2018 year ahead.
- Thursday February 8th Joint Meeting with Awards Committee Meeting Minutes are attached

Management: No Meetings.

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