City of Winnipeg Access Advisory Committee
Policy Sub Committee Meeting Agenda
Tuesday April 19, 2018
11:45am to 1:00pm
West Councilor's Boardroom – City Hall

Present: Ross Eadie, Louis Gaudry, Judy Redmond, Colleen Waters (telephone conference), Judy Herscovich, Larry Baillie, Ken Shachtay.

Regrets: Debbie Van Ettinger, Angela Mayen-Obregon, Gail MacAulay, Donna Olsen Winnipeg Parking Authority.

1. The sub-committee discussed the upcoming open house engagement in regards to the Vehicles for Hire By-law and how the By-law relates to and regulates accessible vehicles for hire service at an information session co-hosted by the City of Winnipeg, the Manitoba League of Persons with Disabilities, and Barrier Free Manitoba. This information session is open to the public. The presentation will include information on the regulation of accessible service, monitoring accessible service, and how the City plans to engage with the community going forward.

Date: Monday, April 23, 2018
Time: 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Location: Carol Shields Auditorium, 2nd floor, Millennium Library, 251 Donald St.
Format: Presentation at 5 p.m., followed by question and answer.

The Access Advisory Committee was in fact invited to participate in the focus groups as a stakeholder. Debbie Ettinger, Ross Eadie, and Chris Sobkowicz attended on focus group discussion. It was highly stressed by ourselves as well as other stakeholder groups that there is a lack of accessible cabs in the City of Winnipeg and that the new bylaw should attempt to increase this over time. Our recommendation that was made, but not enacted by the consultants - suggested that all new vehicles being added to their fleets, should be accessible, and that their existing non-accessible vehicles could be grand fathered until replacement is needed. This was a way to guarantee that all fleets will be accessible over time. Unfortunately, the consultants did not go in this direction……and we are now hearing the community backlash at the above open house discussion.

Other discussion with the sub-committee included:

- Seat Belt Use
- Customer Service requirements
- Passengers rights and/or responsibilities
- Mandatory Training and Awareness Education

2. The sub-committee invited the Winnipeg Parking Authority (Donna Olsen) to attend the meeting, but they had to send their regrets. They were invited to update their progress on our request that was made one year ago regarding time extensions for individuals with an accessible permit during winter months eliminating the need to move the vehicle out of the zone and merely adding payment for extended time.

What seemed to be a simple and logical request done on an internal basis, turned into a deflection process that took over 6 months, and another 6 month delay to change the by-law in November 2017 and yet still no action. The response from the Winnipeg Parking Authority suggested that we should make a motion to the next Executive Policy Committee at their next meeting to ask the Public Service to look into this.

The sub-committee agreed to make a recommendation at the April 24th AAC meeting to follow this up with a presentation to the Executive Policy Committee and begin the process all over again from a political point of view. Using the criteria of the previous internal approach, the co-ordinator will draft a presentation to EPC for the AAC to consider on April 24th.

3. A concern was raised involving the clear line of travel and the bus shelter positioning on the corner of Academy Road and Ash Street in front of Academy Bowling Lanes. It was the consensus of the sub-committee to address this issue with Public Works and Transit to reach a positive solution and to comply with the Winnipeg Accessibility Standards.

4. The sub-committee agreed to discuss in the near future some concerns that have arisen from the vision impaired community regarding the construction standards of our detectable curb installations. The sub-committee agreed to further this discussion with other stakeholder groups to determine whether there is a practical need to change the standards or to stress the need for better education / orientation by the stakeholder associations. The Universal Design Coordinator agreed to arrange for this

meeting and to invite the staff person in Public Works responsible for the Construction Standards. His name is Ahmed Ghazy.

Adjourned at 1:00pm