Access Advisory Committee - Coordinator Report
June 26th, 2018

City of Winnipeg Meetings:

- In early May, I made the final tweeks with the added pictures for the 2017 Annual Report. Thanks to Carlene Kurdziel for her fine work on the interviews and pulling this all together. We expect the Annual Report will be ready for your approval at the May Meeting and expecting authorization to send to EPC for information in June. Since the May meeting did not have quorum, we have deferred the approval for the annual report to the June Meeting.

- Planning continued with Marcella for the Canadian Institute of Planners National Conference were we are providing a pre-conference Bus Tour of the Victoria Hospital Memory Gardens, and the SSCY on July 19th.

- In early May Ken, Louis, Debbie, Judy and I met with representatives from the Community Services Department regarding the acceptable use of Alternative Terminology and review of wording for the Leisure Guide. Next meeting was scheduled on May 30th with printing set for June. We reviewed the different options that the Community Services Department were proposing for the next leisure guide. (Fall Winter 2018)

- Attended the Route 90 Advisory Committee on Meeting May 1 and June 5th prior to the scheduled Open Houses set up for June

- Attended the ATAC meeting on May 9

- Attended the Universal Design Workshop put on by Judy Redmond as part of the City of Winnipeg Corp Ed Training session on May 3.

- Attended the HTFC sponsored Parks and Recreation Workshop on Future Strategies May 10

- Sent out an Email Blast for our Awards announcement for a 2 year intake period with the new nomination deadline of June 28th, 2019.

- Sent out our TEDx talks invite via an email blast with the ticket offer of 27 tickets. The TEDx event was June 13 with an overall attendance of over

500 people. We had a display table in the IDEAs lounge, as well as good representation during the talks. This served to be an excellent educational opportunity in lieu of the Access Awards. Jocelynn Johnson made an exceptional presentation, which will be available on YouTube very soon. There were complications with the complimentary tickets, and I would suggest that we rethink our process of handing out free tickets. Maybe have the people pay for them in advance, and if they attend – we give them a reimbursement. We had at total of 8 no-shows with either notification at the last minute or no notice at all. Hmmmm.

- We are nearing the Our Winnipeg input, and will be able to submit it in June.

- Attended the CNIB Intersection Focus Group - Key 2 Access. This new technology identifies your location and activates the walk process for you via a cell phone.

- Attended Judy's Focus Group on Tacticle warnings. In attendance were reps from VIRN, CNIB, and AEBC. Louis attended as a member of AAC.

- Councilor Eadie and myself made our presentation to EPC regarding our recommendation that the Parking authority deal with our dilemma discussed at the May AAC meeting and the mandatory staff training requirements.

- We set up a display table at the MAAW Symposium on June 12th at the Viscount Gort Hotel. Alf Spencer from the AODA was the featured speaker.

- Ken and I attended the Eastern BRT Open House at the Pantages Theatre on June 18th.

- There are a couple of Policy Sub-Committee issues that have come up and we will deal with them at our next meeting. They include:

    - the value and importance of the existing tactile sidewalk strips providing a shoreline navigational tool for persons with VI; in comparison to the new options being presented by Public Works.
    - Access issues for persons from the Riverview Horticultural Society at their Baltimore Avenue garden plots

Sub Committee Meetings:

Policy Subcommittee:

- Policy Committee meeting May 17th is attached

Access Awards:

- Although we have not had a formal meeting of the joint committees for Awards and Education, continued work is going into the TEDx presentation with Jocelynn Johnson

Education and Communication:

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Management:

- No Management Committee meeting scheduled in May and the June meeting was not confirmed at time of printing the agenda items.

Submitted: Chris Sobkowicz June 26th, 2018