



Persons With Disabilities Advisory Committee

2121 Second Avenue, Whitehorse, YT Y1A 1C2

Monday, November 16, 2015
11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Heritage Boardroom, City Hall

MINUTES

Attendance:

Councillor Curteanu
Lisa Rawlings Bird
Alan Macklon
Christine Smith
Samantha Pavlovich
Cheri Malo

Colette Acheson
Jenny Roberts (via phone)
Hans Herdes
Christine Spencer
Dave Pruden
Mike Ellis

1. Introductions and nomination of a Chair
 - Round table introduction completed, will pick chair next week
 - Suggested that there should be a revolving chair every couple of months

2. Additions to Agenda:
 - Snow Angel Program - Colette Acheson
 - Odd jobs group and what they are aiming to achieve – Colette Acheson

3. Approve Agenda
 - Christine _____ - motion to approve, Christine S _____ seconds, carried

4. Previous Minutes (May 19, 2015)
 - Reviewed briefly.

5. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Approved.

6. **Review of Terms of Reference (TOR) with Committee**

- › Jenny Roberts requested TOR#20 - meetings and timeframes, proposed amendment of time to 12:00 – 1:00 pm, rather than the current 11:30 am -1:00 pm schedule. She suggested to prioritize items prior to meeting and discuss less items during shorter time slot.
- › Christine Smith suggested we try the one hour time slot for a few meetings and see how it goes to get support from committee
- › Councillor Curteanu suggested changing the TOR to say that it would be for what time meets the committee's needs, rather than a concrete time.
- › Lisa Rawlings Bird has no objection to the TOR change, and trial for the one hour time slot.
- › No objection by Hans Herdes, Alan Macklon, Christine Spencer (concerned with her school schedule)
- › Decided on flexibility and requires a week prior to the meeting to ensure everyone will be there.
- › Motion by Jenny Roberts: Terms of Ref #20 trial of flexibility of meetings, Colette Acheson seconds
- › All in favor, yes.

7. **Meeting schedule** – dates and times8. **Current initiatives to be aware of:**

- Snow Angels

Employees are covered by *Good Samaritan Act* and do not require insurance, they are readily available

- Transit
 - › Handy Bus Agreement is 100% accessible during hours of operation, however regular buses and handy bus that have YTG contracts and are very busy and require booking in advance. Aiming to have a Taxi Bylaw in May 2017 for Whitehorse to be accessible to all. Provides trip travel training and aims to connect with locals who require access.
 - › Concern by Colette Acheson with availability including Sundays
 - › Cheri Malo said there is travel training and the bus is available but very busy. There is no Sunday service and there will never be for Handy Bus; just as the local bus does not run on Sundays, the handy bus will follow the same path

- Bylaw – VFH, Accessibility Bylaw, Parking
 - › Dave Pruden: Vehicle For Hire Taxi Bylaw came into effect July 2015. The bylaw requires that each company has an accessible taxi available during their hours of operation
 - › Jenny Roberts question: pushback from companies, how has that played out?
 - › Dave Pruden: They have dealt with pushback in the past and this is no different.
 - › Mike Ellis: Accessibility bylaw presentation
 - › Accessible housing requirements is the first phase of the accessibility bylaw
 - › Aging population is driving the requirements for accessibility
 - › Mike Ellis will have a detailed approach in Jan. 2016 re: edits to accessibility bylaw
 - › Jenny Roberts requested a copy of the bylaw for new members, **Action:** Mike Ellis will send this out.
 - › Parking bylaw review for new members, bylaw enforces on public and private property.

- › Adoption into the zoning bylaw for increase in accessible stalls. Developers are working with the new rules with no major complaints.
- › Not many side loading spots for handicap accessible parking including CGC parking lot– Alan Macklon
- › Possibly get signs for each stall – Dave Pruden
- › Christine Smith suggested a letter from the committee to Superstore and other businesses to adjust their parking for accessibility
- › Jenny Roberts requested an updated map from 2015 for accessibility stalls throughout downtown Whitehorse. Maybe bring the map to December meeting. **Action:** Mike Ellis will look into this and bring it.

9. **Input into City Projects**

- › DRC – Development Review Committee
- › Meets every 2 weeks on Wednesdays at 9:30 am, any private development above the size of a house attends, chaired by Manager Planning and Building Services.
- › Alan Macklon and Mike Ellis will be attending the meeting, but the venue is at a non-accessible location. MSB has no disability access, plans to move the venue.

10. **Green Sheets** – Mayor and Council Green Sheets outline whether CASM meetings are In Camera or if they are open to the public. PDAC can then provide written input through their Councillor. Designated person who can flag what PDAC can be involved in. Possibly internal person (MJ) would review and flag items for PDAC. Christine Smith suggested it be brought as a meeting item in agenda to PDAC. Bring item back to next meeting on the process and how to keep PDAC informed.

11. **Next Meeting** – FUAL & Planning process

- › When MJ returns Jenny Roberts will converse with her and schedule the next meeting no later than Dec. 11 to commit for date and time of next meeting. **December 14 - 12-1pm.**
Everyone in favor
- › Jenny Roberts and Lisa Rawlings Bird need to go through FUAL list.
- › **Action:** MJ to go through the list and clean it up so there is an updated and current list for Dec. meeting.

12. **Roundtable**

- › Colette Acheson: December 3 is International Day of Persons With Disabilities. Requesting the City to acknowledge the day via Lisa Rawlings Bird and Colette Acheson. **(Done)** Mike Nixon will do a tribute as well.
- › Councillor Curteanu would like to move DRC meeting from MSB so it is accessible to all.

13. Next PDAC meeting: **Monday, December 14, 2015 @ 12:00 Noon** at City Hall in Heritage Boardroom