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**Date:** April 29, 2010  
**File No.:** 0615-20  
**To:** City Manager  
**From:** Accessibility Advisory Committee  
**Subject:** Accessibility Advisory Committee 2009

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council receive for information the April 29, 2010 report regarding the committee work of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for 2009;

AND THAT Council endorse the goals of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the 2010 year.

## **PURPOSE:**

The intention of this report is to inform Council about the work of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the previous year and the committee goals for 2010.

## **BACKGROUND:**

### **1.0 ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Accessibility Advisory Committee is a committee of Council appointed members, who advise on issues related to disability issues. The Committee has seven (7) members, six of whom have a disability. The Committee meets monthly and considers issues that are brought by members or the general public, comments on proposed developments, and advises on the accessibility of facilities.

In 2009, the committee visited and commented on the following public facilities:

- H2O Adventure and Fitness Facility
- Athan's Pool Facility
- Rotary Park
- Gyro Park
- City Park

The park visits were conducted with a member of the Parks department who often visited the site in a wheel chair to have an accurate experience. Notes were created detailing the findings for each facility and provided to the operator.

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The committee reviewed the following projects and gave feedback about potential accessibility issues:

- Stakeholders in Bernard Avenue update
- Rutland Transit Exchange
- Corner of Ellis and Doyle (Madison Streetscape) Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Eldorado Boardwalk proposed finishing material;
- a proposed four storey building development on South Pandosy
- Drive through pharmacy
- Parking issues at Orchard Park
- Active transportation planning

At the end of the 2009 the committee developed a list of goals for the year 2010 which are detailed in Schedule "A".

In 2010, opportunities to review changes at the Airport and other City initiatives are already scheduled.

**INTERNAL CIRCULATION TO:**

Clerks Department  
Danielle Noble - Urban Land Use Manager

**LEGAL/STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

S. 141 Community Charter

**FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS:**

Existing budget for the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Costs associated with the Accessibility Advisory Committee:

Staff Liaison to regular meetings & support:	approx. 120 hours annually
Other Staff invited to meetings:	approx. 12 hours annually
Council Recording Secretary for meetings:	approx. 20 hours annually
Cost of Interpreter:	approx. \$2,000 annually

Unlike many other committees, no lunch is provided to members, as they choose to meet later in the day due to the limitation of disabilities. The Committee has additional funds for holding events including advertising materials and supplies.

**EXISTING POLICY:**

Guidelines for Accessibility in Outdoor Spaces - Endorsed by City Council April 2003  
Council Policy 341 - Accessibility Measures for Hotels and Motels - June 2007  
Official Community Plan - Chapter 17 - 17.1 - Accessibility Policies

Considerations that were not applicable to this report:

**PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:**

**LEGAL/STATUTORY PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS:**

**TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:  
EXTERNAL AGENCY/PUBLIC COMMENTS:  
COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS:  
ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION:**

Submitted by:



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Staff Liaison to Accessibility Advisory Committee

Approved for Inclusion:



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Director of Policy and Planning  
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Attachment:  
SCHEDULE "A" - 2010 GOALS

November 2009

List of Goals for 2010

- Link on City website to highlight accessibility guidelines
- Icon to indicate accessible parks on City website
- Continued input into development and public space proposals
- Creating accessible lakefront and foreshore (access into lake)
- Expansion of Handi-dart service hours
- Audible (and visual) GPS on Transit to "announce" next stop
- Ensure developers have Accessible building code information and City Policy "Guidelines for Accessibility in Outdoor Spaces" City hosted workshop to expand awareness of accessibility issues to all developers
- Implement mandatory automatic door openers
- Parking placards - can they have photo id.