

# Memo



**Date:** April 11, 2011

**File No.:** 0615-20

**To:** City Manager

**From:** Accessibility Advisory Committee

**Subject:** Accessibility Advisory Committee 2010

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council receive for information the April 11, 2011 report regarding the committee work of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for 2010;

AND THAT Council endorse the goals of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the 2011 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:**

The Accessibility Advisory Committee is a committee of Council appointed members, who advise on issues related to disability issues. The Committee is comprised of 7 members, six of whom have a disability. The membership saw some changes in 2010 with two new members joined the committee. The Committee meets monthly and considers issues that are brought by City Staff, members or the general public, comments on proposed developments, and advises on the accessibility of facilities.

In 2010, the committee visited and commented on the following public facilities:

- Kelowna Airport
- Stuart Park

The park visits were accompanied by Parks staff who noted any comments that were made. Detailed notes were recorded for the Airport visit and provided to the operator.

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

- The Official Community Plan
- Parking for People with Disabilities at Orchard Park Mall
- Met with a delegate from SPARC to discuss concerns around Parking for People with Disabilities and commit to supporting SPARC to create a public education campaign
- The Dayton Street Overpass
- Curb cuts and Islands on Highway 97
- BC Transit Master Plan with emphasis on expanding Handi-Dart

The committee had an ambitious list of goals for 2010 which were all reviewed with the appropriate staff and agencies. The following four items were completed:

- Accessibility Guidelines link on City Website
- Continued input and tours of City Parks
- Lakeshore access
- Expansion of Handi-Dart Hours

One item was deferred for the foreseeable future and the remaining items are in process and reflected on the 2011 goals list.

The list of 2011 goals is detailed in Schedule "A". It is noteworthy that three goals were chosen as primary focuses which include:

1. Audible signals (for the intersection at Highway 33 and Rutland Road)
2. Provide more public awareness (Community Accessibility Awards)
3. Accessible/dual gas service stations

**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
Committee appreciation luncheon:	

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.

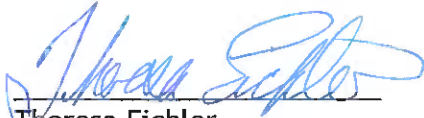
**EXISTING POLICY:**


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

Considerations that were not applicable to this report:

- PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS:**
- LEGAL/STATUTORY PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS:**
- TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:**
- EXTERNAL AGENCY/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
- COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS:**
- ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION:**

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Director of Policy and Planning  
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Goal list for 2011

The committee members brought forth the following goals, with the first three being the primary focus.

1. Audible signals (for the intersection at Highway 33 and Rutland Road)
  2. Provide more public awareness (Community Accessibility Awards)
  3. Dual service Gas Stations - lack of full service stations are an impediment to accessibility
- Parking for people with disabilities (education, increase fines, streamline permit process)
  - Continued lobbying for Transit expansion of Handi-Dart
  - Public awareness of the Accessibility Advisory Committee
  - Accessible lakefront- accessible foreshore
  - Bus signage and schedules in Braille, and verbal stop announcements (meet standards of other cities)
  - Smooth curb cuts for those in wheelchairs to be provided throughout the City