

Minutes – MAAC Meeting

City Hall, 6th Floor Boardroom 12:00p.m.
February 6th, 2020

Members Attending:

Brian Bibeault – Chair
Penny Leclair – Co-Chair
Barb Bryant
Councillor Scott Robertson
Barbra Smith (late)
Sharyn Emond (late)
Linda Thomas-Ouellette (late)
Suzanne Nielsen
Robert Nielsen

Absent:

Luc Lirette

Also Attending:

Staff: Adam Curran, MAAC Secretary-Treasurer, CNB
Joel Therrien, Policy Planning Intern, CNB
David Jackowski – Manager of Facilities, CNB

Call to Order:

- The Chair called the Meeting to Order at approximately 12:00 p.m.

1) The Chair started the meeting stating we should get things going because there is a lot on the agenda and a lot is going to happen this meeting.

The Chair invited David Jackowski, Manager of Facilities, to do a presentation on the proposed Community Centre.

David, started by showing the Site Plan for the proposed Community Centre. Brian asked if a traffic light was proposed at Lakeshore to facilitate the new facility?

David, explained that this is a separate project to look at if there is a need for a traffic light at this intersection.

There is a proposed new parking lot, which would permit transit to come onto the site to pick up passengers at the Community Centre and exit the site.

David, then showed the floor plan. The design allows for dasher board viewing area, which means the audience looks down onto the ice, which offers a barrier free sitting area.

Brian asked if they would provide marked flooring with a tactile pad which would guide citizens to the elevator or other areas of importance. David asked Brian to provide any details on manufactures or other Communities they may have done this.

Linda, asked what was included in the Universal Washroom. There is room left for the installation of an Adult Change Table, but at this time until a need is determined it would not be installed. There needs to be a need expressed by the Community, at this point they have received no feedback from the Community. The Committee expressed concerns that this is something that we need in our facilities and suggested a possible Community Group doing a fundraiser or providing the funds to install an Adult Change Table. This kind of table would allow everyone an opportunity to use the Community Centre.

David, explained that the design would leave the adequate space to include an Adult Change table at any time, and if a Community Group expressed need it would be something that could be done now or in the future.

David, then showed the 3D renderings of the spaces proposed in the Community Centre.

Barb, said that the ice is lower than the lobby this would cause a barrier. David explained that the ice is not accessible by the lobby and this is just a viewing area, and would provide a benefit to spectators in a wheelchair or other limitations because they can watch from anywhere within the lobby.

Is the ice flush with the benches to allow sledge hockey players to be able to access the rink on and off without a ledge? David explained this is something they are currently working on, and would have to ensure that there were no issues with maintenance of the ice surface.

Brian stated that he was aware David has been in contact with the developer of the navigation app and stated this would be a good location to have this feature.

2) Minutes from the January Meeting were read.

Brian mentioned that he has been testing the website and it is an improvement from the current website.

That we accept the minutes from the January meeting-

Moved by: Barb Smith

Seconded by: Linda Thomas-Ouellette

Carried.

3) Discussion and vote on the terms of agreement regarding the ad-hoc committee and specialised transit.

Brian, interjected and said as Chair I would like to bring up something that is not on the agenda, and as Chair I have the right to do so. He explained that he and Penny met with Adam on Tuesday dealing with AODA. Brian explained that the City put forward a report to council in December which was the update to the Accessibility Report and in doing so they are not meeting the requirements of the Section 29 of the AODA standards.

Brian also stated that if members are not happy with him as Chair, they should tell him and he would renounce his position effective immediately. Brian requested that a vote be taken for competency of the chair.

The Committee discussed they have been satisfied with how things have been going the new term. MAAC stated the City is not cooperating with MAAC.

Penny, said that MAAC was not told what was happening in relation to the snow removal pilot project and had not been consulted.

Scott, asked I thought the snow removal pilot project went with our advice and the policy that MAAC had created a couple years ago.

Brian said the only department that is working with us is Parks and Rec, the rest do not come to us and are not following Section 29 of the AODA standards.

Adam asked the Chair if he would like him to speak now or wait until the agenda item which was to discuss the current situation.

Brian said they would like to hear Adam's response.

Adam explained that he is getting overwhelmed by the amount of phone calls and emails from members of the MAAC Committee asking him to complete things or do things that are not within his role. For example I had over 35 emails last week and spent over 3 hours on the phone, this is not fair to me, my colleagues or the rest of the public.

Sharyn- asked who is contacting you, if it is members of the public this is your job.

Adam explained that yes members of the public can contact me, but this is not what I am discussing, the MAAC members are contacting him on issues or topics that have not been discussed with other members of MAAC and want me to do certain things. Some members of MAAC are also contacting Councillors or other members of staff concerning items that MAAC has not identified as an action item.

In terms of staff not cooperating with MAAC and only Parks and Rec coming to MAAC, Adam said he didn't think this was fair, as last year engineering came to discuss their projects and, IT came to discuss the website. In addition, for the Snow removal project, the MAAC document in which they created was used to establish the snow removal pilot project.

In terms of the Accessibility Report that went to Council in December, Adam explained that this is simply an update to Council on what the different departments have done over the year to meet the Accessibility Plan. Every item within that report had come to MAAC at some point during the year.

Adam explained that the first accessibility plan was created in 2013, there was an update completed in 2018 and the former Transit Manager who sat on the internal committee came to every MAAC meeting and consulted with the MAAC on the 2018 update. The yearly update is not required to go to MAAC for consultation. Adam explained that he called the Province to seek clarification, and the Province agreed that we were meeting the AODA standards.

Adam stated that he would speak to the Internal Committee in the future and see if someone could come present the report prior to going to council. Adam expressed that it is unfair to state that the City is not meeting the AODA standards in this situation.

Adam also expressed concerns with members of MAAC contacting Staff or members of Council on issues that have not yet been supported by MAAC.

Brian stated that members are to contact the Chair on issues and should not be contacting staff or Council. Brian felt that as Chair he should be able to contact staff or Council.

Adam said but if the Chair is representing MAAC there should be an Action Item from MAAC before any discussions or emails are sent off.

Brian said members of MAAC can contact whomever if they are a tax payer.

Penny, stated that although any member technically can contact anyone they want as a member of the Public, there is a responsibility of Professionalism involved when sitting as a member of the MAAC. Members of MAAC also hear privileged information and should not be using that information to benefit their personal agenda.

Adam expressed a concern of the lack of action items coming from MAAC meetings and states that the calls or emails received are not consistent with what other members from MAAC are saying. For instance, other staff members receive calls coming different MAAC members with different directions. Adam

stated that a clear vision or goal on any topic needs to be presented in an Action Item. The action item would clearly identify who should be doing what.

The Committee asked about our current terms of reference. The Committee expressed that they would like to review the current Terms of Reference and would like to update them as needed. Penny put a motion on the table to review the current terms of reference.

Motion- MAAC reviews the current terms of reference-

Moved: Barb Smith

Seconded: Penny Leclair

Brian, asked that the Accessibility Plan Update be forwarded to the Committee for review in the future.

MAAC then focused its attention on the Ad Hoc Committee. Adam explained that as part of the original resolution the Ad Hoc Committee was to form a Terms of Reference. This was something that wasn't completed and would provide vision and direction to the Committee. A Draft Terms of Reference was read to the Committee. The Committee put on a motion to adopt the Terms of Reference for the Para Bus Ad Hoc Committee.

Moved: Barb Smith.

Seconded: Scott Robertson

Carried.

5) Discussion on the committee of MAAC: their roles and what is expected of the, and staff roles etc.

Adam said there were topics he wanted to discuss, but because some was discussed in the previous section and because of time, he had nothing further to say at this time.

6) Old and Other Business

Penny, discussed E-Scooters and how she is concerned about just leaving this until it is too late.

Adam said he spoke with the By-law Enforcement and currently these are not permitted and the Province pilot project is an opt-in option and the City has not opted in and they do not see it as an issue.

7) Next Meeting

Thursday March 5th 2020

8) Adjournment

Resolution #20-05

Moved by: Barb Bryant

Seconded by: Barbra Smith

“That this Meeting does now Adjourn at 1:30 p.m.”

“Carried.”

Chairperson