

SCHEDULE 'A'

City Of North Bay

Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee (MAAC)

2020 Annual Report

a) Background

This report reflects activities undertaken by the North Bay Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee (MAAC) during 2020.

b) Summary of Activities – Year 2020

a) Committee Membership – 2020

Barbra Smith (Chair)
Sharyn Emond(Vice-Chair)
Robert Nielsen
Suzanne Nielsen
Linda Thomas-Ouellette
Michael Whitney
Kevin McKenna
Brian Bibeault
Councillor Robertson (City Council Representative)

Staff:

Adam Curran Secretary-Treasurer

b) Meetings of the Committee

The Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee met thirteen (13) times in 2020. Meetings generally take place the first Thursday of every month, at 12 p.m., meetings have been transitioned into electronic meetings via Zoom.

c) Municipal Projects

MAAC meetings are regularly attended by City Staff. This allows Staff to receive feedback from the Committee regarding the accessibility of existing and proposed policies, programs, services, facilities and infrastructure. It is also an opportunity for

MAAC members to gain a greater understanding of municipal processes and projects.

Municipal Staff attended MAAC meetings to explain and detail upcoming Municipal projects. It is a requirement under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (2005) (AODA) that Municipal infrastructure projects are presented to MAAC for review and comments.

In 2020, MAAC heard from Paula McCloskey and Jim Scott with regards to the City's Parks Master Plan. MAAC was asked to provide input into what is missing or needed within the existing parks.

MAAC also heard from the Police Chief with regards to the proposed New Taxi By-law. MAAC was asked to provide data and statistics on the need or wants of additional accessible taxis, and how might that be incorporated into the new ride share program.

David Jackowski, provided information on the proposed Community Centre and MAAC has endorsed a new Community Centre which would be fully accessible.

MAAC heard from Beverley Hillier on a snow removal pilot project in the DIA, MAAC supported the project and thought it was a success in 2020.

MAAC has formed an Ad Hoc Committee with regards to Para Bus Service. The Ad Hoc group has met and spoken with Transit Management. MAAC worked on putting a report together for best practices for specialized transit, and is looking to ask questions of Staff to determine if changes can be made to the service. MAAC will present their report to Transit Staff in 2021.

Evan Moore from IS consulted with MAAC on the City's new website, and provided some feedback and review of the site for accessibility standards.

Members of MAAC met with Parks staff to review Armstrong Park and some of the grading challenges and made future recommendations.

2021-

MAAC will continue to work on the 2020 priorities in 2021 and look to update these priorities.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Smith
Chair, North Bay Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee