



City of North Bay Report to Council

Report No: CSBU-2022-008

Date: February 22, 2022

Originator: Adam Curran

Business Unit:

Department:

Community Services

Planning & Building Department

Subject: 2021 Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee (MAAC) Annual Report

Closed Session: yes no

Recommendation

That Appendix 'A' to report to Council CSBU-2022-008 by Adam Curran dated February 22, 2022 being the 2021 Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee Annual Report, be received for information purposes.

Background

Attached in Appendix 'A' is the 2021 Annual Report of the Municipal Accessible Advisory Committee (MAAC).

MAAC acts as an advisory role to ensure the City is moving towards being fully accessible and providing education and advice on accessibility within the community. City Staff have presented the City's infrastructure projects to the Committee and receives input and feedback from MAAC. The main topics on the 2021 agenda for MAAC have been Adult Change Tables, Para Bus, Accessible Swings and Snow Removal.

A full listing of the Committee's activities in 2021 is contained in the attached Appendix 'A'.

Financial/Legal Implications

N/A

Corporate Strategic Plan

- Natural North and Near
- Affordable Balanced Growth
- Responsible and Responsive Government
- Economic Prosperity
- Spirited Safe Community

Specific Objectives

- Work with community stakeholders to enhance safety and integration throughout the City; and
 - Encourage openness and diversity in the community for all residents.
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Options Analysis

Option 1: That Appendix 'A' to report to Council CSBU-2022-008 by Adam Curran dated February 22, 2022 being the 2021 Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee Annual Report, be received for information purposes.

Option 1 is the recommended option. The Annual Report from the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee provides an update on the Committees work throughout 2021 and is required to be presented to Council as part of their Terms of Reference.

Option 2: That Council does not receive the 2021 Municipal Accessibility Annual Report for information purposes.

Option 2 is not the recommended option.

Recommended Option

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Respectfully submitted,

Name: Adam Curran, M.E.S., MCIP, RPP

Title: Policy and Business Development Planner

I concur with this report and recommendation

Name Beverley Hillier, MCIP, RPP

Title: Manager, Planning & Building Services

Name Ian Kilgour, MCIP, RPP

Title: Director, Community Development and Growth

Name David Euler, P.Eng., PMP

Title: Chief Administrative Officer

Personnel designated for continuance:

Adam Curran, M.E.S., MCIP, RPP

Policy and Business Development Planner

SCHEDULE 'A'

City Of North Bay

Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee (MAAC)

2021 Annual Report

a) Background

This report reflects activities undertaken by the North Bay Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee (MAAC) during 2021.

b) Summary of Activities – Year 2021

a) Committee Membership – 2020

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

Staff:

Adam Curran Secretary-Treasurer

b) Meetings of the Committee

The Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee met nine (9) times in 2021. Meetings generally take place the first Thursday of every month, at 12 p.m., meetings have been transitioned into electronic meetings via Zoom and MAAC has elected to move the regular meetings to the second Thursday of the month.

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 2021, MAAC heard from many different departments within the City of ongoing projects. The items that were discussed with MAAC where the following:

- Parks Master Plan;
- New Community Centre;
- Dynamic Bus Service;
- Armstrong Park Redevelopment;
- Transit Terminal Renovation;
- Engineering and Public Works projects;
- Boardwalk at the Waterfront; and
- Main Street Redevelopment.

MAAC is thankful that City Staff is consulting with the Committee on a regular basis. A couple projects that MAAC would like to highlight and thank City Council for is the Armstrong Park Redevelopment and inclusion of Adult Change Tables in the 2022 budget.

The Parks Department engaged with MAAC early in the process of the Armstrong Park redevelopment. MAAC identified some concerns with grading coming into the park, accessible parking spaces, accessible picnic tables and access to the water. Through consultation with MAAC the Parks Department was able to implement a well-designed accessible park.

Parks was able to use a portion of the beach mat from Marathon Beach to provide access to the water. The grading was completed in a way to help gain access to sitting areas and play structures.

MAAC would like to thank Parks and City Council for creating an Accessible Playground and Park Space.

2022

MAAC will revisit our priorities and see which topics we would like to work on in 2022. MAAC will continue to work with the Transit Department on the Para Bus and try and make the services offered the best it can be.

MAAC would like to thank the Mayor and City Council for their support for accessibility in the Community.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Smith
Chair, North Bay Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee