



City of North Bay Report to Council

Report No: CSBU 2021-05

Date: February 5, 2021

Originator: Adam Curran, Secretary-Treasurer- MAAC

Business Unit:

Department:

Community Services

Planning & Building Department

Subject: 2020 Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee (MAAC) Annual Report

Closed Session: yes ☐ no ☒

Recommendation

That Appendix 'A' to report to Council CSBU 2021-05 by Adam Curran dated February 5, 2021 being the 2020 Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee Annual Report, be received for information purposes.

Background

Attached in Appendix 'A' is the 2020 Annual Report of the Municipal Accessible Advisory Committee (MAAC).

The Committee 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 Staff receives feedback. The main topics of conversation during the MAAC meetings have been focused on snow removal, PARA bus operations, and the City's new accessible Website.

A full listing of Committee activities in 2020 is contained in the attached Appendix 'A'.

Financial/Legal Implications

N/A

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Corporate Strategic Plan

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural North and Near | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Prosperity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Balanced Growth | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spirited Safe Community |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Responsible and Responsive Government | |

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.

Options Analysis

Option 1-

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Option 1 is the recommended option.

Option 2-

That Council does not receive the 2020 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: Secretary-Treasurer, MAAC

I concur with this report and recommendation.

Name: Beverley Hillier MCIP, RPP
Title: Manager, Planning & Building Services

Name: Ian Kilgour MCIP, RPP
Title: Director of Community Development and Growth

Name: David Euler, P.Eng
Title: Chief Administrative Officer

Personnel designated for continuance:

Name: Adam Curran

Title: Policy and Business Development Planner

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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