8TH REPORT OF THE
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on October 25, 2007, commencing at 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT: K. Husain (Chair), S. Adams, S. Balcom, K. Higgins, R. Khouri, B. Quesnel, A. Rinn and A. Robertson and B. Mercier (Acting Secretary).

ALSO PRESENT: R. Armistead, J. Knight, B. Maas and D. Wilson-McLeod.

REGRETS: C. Campbell-Johnston, K. Lewis and P. Stewart.

I YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

Audible Pedestrian Signals

1. That the following actions be taken with respect to audible pedestrian signals:

(a) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to develop a guideline based upon the attached information from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) that would provide for the annual installation of two audible pedestrian signals; and

(b) an annual cost of $50,000 BE REFERRED to the 2008 and subsequent years Budget process, with respect to this matter.

II YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Policy Development Sub-Committee

2. (A) That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (ACCAC) heard a verbal report and received the attached Strategic Plan for 2008-2010 for the ACCAC from K. Higgins with respect to the recent activities of the Policy Development Sub-Committee; it being noted that the ACCAC will circulate the above-noted Strategy to local disabled service agencies via email and post to the City's website to seek comments from the public to be presented at the next meeting of the ACCAC; it being further noted that K. Higgins also provided an verbal update with respect to the City's 2007 Accessibility Plan priorities.

Education and Awareness Sub-Committee

3. (B) That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (ACCAC) heard a verbal report from R. Khouri with respect to the recent activities of the Education and Awareness Sub-Committee; it being noted that a meeting will soon be scheduled with Councillor S. Orser to provide him with information with respect to the activities of the ACCAC, as the Sub-Committee continues to meet with the newest members of Council.

Transportation Sub-Committee

4. (C) That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (ACCAC) heard a verbal report from S. Balcom with respect to the recent activities of the Transportation Sub-Committee and was advised of the following:
(a) a subsidized bus pass survey is to be circulated to receive ridership input;

(b) B. Quesnel will follow-up with the Environmental and Engineering Services Department on the safety of temporary sidewalks in construction zones; and

(c) hybrid vehicles continue to cause concern for the visually impaired; K. Husain will follow-up with the manufacturers and dealerships that make and sell the vehicle to relay those concerns.

5. (D) That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (ACCAC) reviewed and received a report from the October, 2007 meeting of its Facilities Sub-Committee and heard a verbal update from A. Robertson on the following:

(a) K. Husain and A. Robertson attended the ACCAC display at the recent London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee's open house and had an opportunity to speak with D. C. Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, who was the guest speaker at the event; and

(b) at the request of the Children's Aid Society, A. Robertson and K. Higgins will provide an accessibility assessment of its building.

6. (2) That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (ACCAC) heard a verbal delegation and received a communication dated October 4, 2007 from D. Mitchell with respect to a strategy for improving safe nighttime travel when using a wheelchair; it being noted that Mr. Mitchell informed the Committee that wheelchairs do not come equipped with safety lights and that he is currently in the process of having lights installed on his new wheelchair. The Chair asked that Mr. Mitchell contact him when his new wheelchair arrives so he can take a photo that could be included in the safety information packages and safety displays with other organizations.

7. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (ACCAC) heard a verbal report from the K. Husain, Chair and was advised of the following:

(a) L. Swanson, A-Channel News contacted the Chair of the ACCAC with respect to Members of the Committee participating in an interview for the Emergency Planning Guide;

(b) K. Lewis will be on a leave of absence from the ACCAC meetings for a few months; and
8. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (ACCAC) received and noted the following:

(a) the 7th Report of the ACCAC from its meeting held on September 27, 2007, noting that the Report should be amended to note that the Education and Awareness Sub-Committee provided a verbal update at the September 27, 2007 meeting of the ACCAC;

(b) a communication dated October 4, 2007 from R. Collins and M. Neufeld, Co-Chairs with Partners in Employment for Goodwill Industries and Hutton House with respect to an Election 2007 Town Hall Forum entitled “Ontarians with Disabilities”;

(c) a communication dated October 10, 2007 from D. Lashbrook, Program Coordinator, Independent Living Centre for London and Area, with respect to an International Day of Disabled Persons being proclaimed as December 3;

(d) a communication from the Canadian Paraplegic Association Ontario, with respect to a Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Information Forum being held on November 5, 2007;

(e) a communication from G. Stafford, Vocational Program Coordinator, Epilepsy Support Centre, with respect to a ‘Giving Day’ at the Bay to be held on November 3, 2007; and

(f) a notice from K. Husain with respect to Coffee Club Tuesdays at the Employment Resource Centre for people with disabilities.

9. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (ACCAC) met in camera from 3:49 p.m. to 3:59 p.m. with respect to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees as it relates to nominations for the Mayor’s New Year’s Honours List. The ACCAC is submitting a confidential report to the Municipal Council regarding this matter. (See Confidential Appendix to the 8th Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee enclosed for Council Members only.)

10. That the next regular meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, November 22, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.
A list of intersections was requested by a representative of the City of London Transportation department. In compiling this list, the SW Region O&M Department has based intersections on the following 1) CNIB Standards for prioritization of intersections together with 2) local London criteria. The standards are based on the experiences of blind pedestrians and professionals in the field of Orientation and Mobility, as well as experts in the fields of Transportation (as found at www.cnib.ca APS Standard).

1) intersections where the ped must activate the traffic signal

intersections where there is a lead ped interval

intersections with an advanced green for traffic or advanced greens

mid-block crossings

T-intersections

2) intersections with traffic light signals (or slated for signals) That are complex: ie. having distorting noise, be extra long- have hard-to-read traffic patterns, incorporate angular crossings, etc.

intersections where clear walk signal communication is imperative to ensure a safe crossing interval

intersections used by group of consumers known to CNIB or where APS has less sound impact on citizen residences

Our general conclusion is that there are so many intersections to be renovated for information accessibility within London that the only way to eventually 'catch up' is to entrench annual funding for a number of intersections.

This list isn't conclusive and should be adapted/updated to sound local preferences by the London Transportation division in conjunction with the municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee. A rationale for each intersection listed follows every selection. The first three could be considered priority intersections.

- University – Elgin Drive and Perth Drive (north/west legs) – yearly students unable to read the lights – advanced green – T
- Oxford and Cherryhill - T / group / seniors with low vision
- Crossing Wonderland Rd. from Westmount mall east exit to apartments that are situated on east side of Wonderland just north of Viscount Rd
- Elgin and Western Road (if no tunnel)  UWO
• First Street crossing Oxford Street E. - college and T intersect.

• Oxford and Highbury (JP2)

• Viscount intersection – south side - from Saunders Secondary School into mall – vision impaired students

• Western Road and Sarnia (north/east legs) - UWO

• Second Street crossing Oxford Street E. - college

• Hamilton, Rectory, Trafalgar Streets - complex, angular

• Adelaide and Hamilton Streets - angular

• Wellington and Baseline (N and W legs – CNIB area)

• Brydges crossing Highbury - LTC

• Wharncliffe and Oxford - Medical, group

• Baseline and Wharncliffe – group, shopping, etc

• Wharncliffe and Riverside – group, to downtown

• Other major intersections (eg. Wellington and Commissioners where there are advanced green lights).

• Adelaide and Kipps Lane - north leg to bus stop

• Platts Lane and Essex – blind tunnel and ped control

• Ped-controlled lights - IPS replaced – though residential there are exceptions such as Adelaide and Pall Mall

• Western Rd. and Essex – group from apartments to bus

• Woodward crossing Riverside – group from apartment

• UWO Middlesex crossing Richmond – T intersection

• Richmond and Grosvenor - hospital

• Richmond and Queens - catch buses

• Pall Mall crossing Richmond – T intersection

  Wonderland and Oxford - group shop and Hutton House

• Richmond and King - east leg advanced green
• Crossing Wellington at King St. - mall/businesses
• Crossing Wellington at Dundas - library
• Wellington and York - Convention Centre
• Clarence and York - train station, social services bdg
• Richmond and York - train station
• Talbot and York - bus station
• Advanced green or T installations on Ridout downtown
• Central crossing Adelaide - can't read traffic surge
• North Centre Rd. and Fanshawe Park Rd - group, shop
• Wilkins crossing Wellington - group and Best West to bus
• Richmond and Grey St. - ped crossing at bikepath
• McMaster crossing Wonderland - can't read surge - T
• West/North legs Southdale and Wonderland - malls / bus
• Wonderland S. at Athletic Club - Library, shopping, restaurants
• Clarke and Dundas - mall
• Crossing Southdale W. at Loblaws E of Wonderland - group
• Horton crossing Wellington – group and advanced green
• Horton & Richmond - group
• Wortley crossing Stanley - group and T
• Riverside crossing Wonderland - adv green
• Legs of arterials at feeder streets - priority list to be made

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ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Strategic Plan 2008 - 2010

Introduction

The Accessibility Advisory Committee thought it would be advantageous to plan for the remainder of our term (2008 – 2010). While moving in this direction, we also decided to structure each planning year around a theme. The theme would be the overall consideration for any awareness conferences, seminars and action items.

Proposed Themes for Term

2008 – Decent Work for People with Disabilities
2009 – Public Health
2010 – Innovation

Conference

The advisory committee also discussed the relevance of holding a one-day conference as part of the “Action and Empowerment” week activities. It was agreed that for 2008, there would be a one-day conference. This will initially fall under the Education Sub-Committee, and will require a separate steering committee to plan and organize the conference. Assistance/partnerships will be sought through the employment agencies, the City's Human Resource Department and the Ability's First Coalition. An evaluation will be built into this year’s event to provide the committee with good information on whether or not it should continue.
Proposed Priorities for 2008 - Decent Work for People with Disabilities

**Education and Awareness**

1. Promote visual smoke alarms
2. Develop new promotional materials
3. Develop mechanism to easily update website

**Facilities**

4. Focus is on AODA, specifically the Built Environment Standard
5. Provide input, feedback to standards development

**Non Visible Disabilities**

6. Continue to understand the issue and educate ourselves
7. Identify key resource people
8. Liaise with other Advisory Committees to share best practices and knowledge

**Policy and Development**

9. Monitor the implementation of the plan
10. Review usefulness of Ability Quotient tool
11. Continue to monitor City policies

**Transportation**

12. Define and analyze the issue of subsidized bus passes

Note: All subcommittees will follow up on identified ongoing items and develop timelines and plan for completion as necessary. As well and beyond the general Proposed Priorities, each subcommittee will focus on identified action items during the most appropriate time within the term. These Action Items are identified in appendix A, Action Items.
### APPENDIX A – PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS FOR TERM

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<td>Create a guest-speaker database to utilize for educating the committee, the city staff/councilors, and the public at large. Regularly update and verify the contact information in the database and strive to add more guest-speakers in it. Allow it to be published on our website for all to use.</td>
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Widen audience and speaker base for speakers on NVD.

Educate ourselves to think in a different way about NVD, as opposed to Visible Disabilities.

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Survey service providers and business community members to identify barriers they face in serving those with Non-Visible disabilities.

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