9TH REPORT OF THE
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on August 25, 2005, commencing at 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT: K. Husain (Chair), S. Adams, S. Balcom, E. Johnston, R. Khouri, K. Lewis, B. Maas, A. Robertson, B. Quesnel and L. Fisher (Secretary).

ALSO PRESENT: R. Armistead and J. Tozzo.


I YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

1. That an exemption to sections 2.11 and 2.12 of the City of London's Streets By-law S1 relating to the use of motor vehicles on City sidewalks and bicycle paths BE GRANTED to Megan Stuckey for the use of a Segway Human Transporter as a mobility aid for her as a person with a mobility disability; it being noted that Transport Canada is currently reviewing the use of the Segway scooter for this purpose throughout the Province; it being further noted that Nigel Stuckey will be appearing as a delegation at the September 26, 2005 meeting of the Environment and Transportation Committee with respect to this matter.

II YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (ACCAC) heard a delegation and received the attached presentation from D. Glover, Chair, London Health Sciences Centre Accessibility Working Group with respect to their most recent accessibility plan. The ACCAC thanked Mr. Glover for his presentation and asked that their Working Group consider allowing the ACCAC to provide a presentation at a future meeting, and also asked that the ACCAC be given permission to add the London Health Sciences Centre's accessibility information as a link on the ACCAC website.

3. (B) That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (ACCAC) received a verbal report from K. Husain with respect to the Education and Awareness Sub-Committee and noted the following:

(a) that the ACCAC website has been completed, and that A. Robertson's suggestion to incorporate a "hit" counter on the site will be implemented;

(b) that K. Lewis has been invited to speak at a meeting of
the Victorian Order of Nurses on September 23, 2005 and that the Sub-Committee will be developing brochures and other written material for use by ACCAC members at different speaking engagements; and

(c) that the Sub-Committee will be developing ideas in conjunction with ATN for National Access Awareness Week activities in 2006.

4. (C) That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (ACCAC) received the minutes of its Transportation Sub-Committee from its meeting held on August 11, 2005 and indicated its support for an exemption to sections 2.11 and 2.12 of the City’s Streets By-law S-1 to allow Megan Stuckey to use a Segway Human Transporter as a mobility device on City sidewalks as noted in Clause 1 of this report.

5. (D) That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (ACCAC) received the minutes of its Facilities Sub-Committee from its meeting held on August 11, 2005; noting that the Sub-Committee needs to exercise caution when approaching private businesses such as Great West Life with respect to their building’s accessibility as its role is only to be advisory in nature to City departments, not private organizations.

6. (E) That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (ACCAC) heard a verbal report from K. Husain with respect to the Communications Sub-Committee; noting that the Multiple Format Policy is still being reviewed by staff and will be available for review by the ACCAC in the near future.

7. (2) That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (ACCAC) received and approved a 2006 budget request for the ACCAC in the amount of $8,300.00 as prepared by the Chair.

8. (3) That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (ACCAC) received a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on June 27, 2005 requesting the City Clerk to report back to the Community and Protective Services Committee (CPSC) with respect to the appropriate process for handling requests by an Advisory Committee to have official standing on a committee which has no affiliation with The Corporation of the City of London in response to a request by the ACCAC to have a member of the ACCAC appointed to the LD Edge London Advisory Committee. The ACCAC noted that K. Lewis has been attending the LD Edge meetings and that she and the Chair will provide additional information with respect to this organization to CPSC or the City Clerk’s Office for their information.
9. (18) That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (ACCAC) received the Summer 2005 edition of the Dearness Home Newsletter and noted that a tour has been arranged for members of the ACCAC on September 15, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.

10. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (ACCAC) received and noted the following:

(a) (1) the 8th Report of the ACCAC from its meeting held on June 23, 2005;

(b) (4) a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on June 27, 2005 with respect to the Designated Parking Spaces Poster and Brochures;

(c) (5) a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on June 27, 2005 with respect to a guide for Planning an Indoor Accessible Event;

(d) (6) a communication from the Committee Secretary with respect to actions taken by the Environment and Transportation Committee at its meeting held on June 20, 2005 relating to the Ontario Human Rights Commission Inquiry regarding Paratransit Services;

(e) (7) a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on July 25, 2005 with respect to costs and funding associated with the construction of a portable elevated stage for use at outdoor concerts and festivals;

(f) (8) a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on July 25, 2005 with respect to the Accessibility Advisory Committee’s Website;

(g) (9) a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on July 25, 2005 with respect to a revised Facilities Assessment Form;

(h) (10) a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on July 25, 2005 with respect to a Pedestrian Travel Concern Form;

(i) (11) a Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on July 25, 2005 with respect to a guide on planning an Outdoor Accessible Event;

(j) (12) a News Release from the Government of Ontario with respect to the expansion of services for persons with developmental disabilities;
Home Health Information Day

(k) (13) a brochure from Bayshore Home Health with respect to a home health information day being held on September 14, 2005 at the Ramada Inn in London;

Roles of Standing Committees

(l) (14) information from the City of London website outlining the roles of the various Standing Committees;

City of London Departmental Organization Charts

(m) (15) the City of London's Departmental Organizational Charts;

Accessibility Standards Advisory Council and Standards Development Committees

(n) (16) a communication from M. Sullivan, Policy Advisor, Policy and Accessibility Planning Unit, Accessibility Directorate, Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration with respect to the recruitment of members for the Accessibility Standards Advisory Council and Standards Development Committees; and

Government of Canada – Online Consultations

(o) (17) a News Release from the Government of Canada with respect to online consultations on the topic of persons with disabilities.

Confidential Matter

11. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (ACCAC) met in camera from 4:56 p.m. to 4:58 p.m. with respect to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees. The ACCAC is submitting a confidential report to the Municipal Council regarding this matter. (See Confidential Appendix to the 9th Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee enclosed for Council Members only.)

Next Meeting

12. That the next regular meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2005 at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.