



REPORT

ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE MISSISSAUGA ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Monday, October 19, 2020 at 1:30PM

Online Video Conference

MEMBERS Present

Emily Daigle, Citizen Member
Steven Viera, Citizen Member
Naz Husain, *ex-officio*

MEMBERS Absent

Carol-Ann Chafe, Citizen Member

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CALL TO ORDER

Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator called the meeting to order at 1:33PM in the absence of a Chair and provided a preamble.

APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR

Ms. Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator, called for nominations for appointment of the Chair for the Accessible Transportation Subcommittee (ATS).

Steven Viera nominated Emily Daigle and Ms. Daigle accepted the nomination. No further nominations were received. Members of the Committee voted and elected Ms. Daigle to be the Chair of the ATS.

RECOMMENDATION

That Emily Daigle be appointed Chair of the Accessible Transportation Subcommittee for the term ending November 14, 2022 or until a successor is appointed.

Emily Daigle took over as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION

That the October 19, 2020 Accessible Transportation Agenda be amended to include an added public deputation from David Lepofsky, Chair, AODA Alliance on E-Scooters.

1. E-Scooters

David Lepofsky, Chair, AODA Alliance

Mr. Lepofsky spoke to the E-scooter Provincial Pilot Plan. He expressed his concerns by noting that public electric scooters are safety hazard for children, the aging population and persons with disabilities. He further noted the lack of accountability, the challenges surrounding enforcement and the creation pathway barriers. Mr. Lepofsky requested that the Accessible Transportation Subcommittee draft a motion recommending a ban on e-scooters within the City.

Members of the Subcommittee raised the following questions and concerns:

- Echoed the concerns around safety, accountability, liability and enforcement;
- Inquired which municipalities were taking part in the pilot project;
- Provided examples of incidents of individuals being hit by individuals operating e-scooters;

- Concerned around operating an e-scooter while intoxicated and riding them through crowded spaces; and
- Expressed the need for the City and the Region to be aligned on this matter.

Mr. Lepofsky responded to the questions raised by the subcommittee:

- The City of Ottawa is currently partaking in the pilot project. Montreal intended to participate in the project, however put that initiative on hold. The City of Toronto will be reporting back on a decision at a later date.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the deputation by David Lepofsky, Chair, AODA Alliance regarding E-Scooters to the Accessible Transportation Subcommittee on October 19, 2020, be received;
2. That the Accessible Transportation Subcommittee recommends that shared e-scooter systems be banned in The City of Mississauga.

2. Mississauga's Approach to Micromobility and E-scooters

Matthew Sweet, Manager, Active Transportation

Mr. Sweet presented on Mississauga's approach to Micromobility and the Provincial E-scooter Pilot Program. The Province has launched a five year pilot program allowing municipalities to opt-in to the program by adopting or by amending local by-laws. He noted the City of Mississauga's Cycling and Transportation Master Plans will require a re-examination to potentially include electric bikes and e-scooters. The City is developing a Micromobility Program that will involve three phases;

- Phase 1 - Visioning and Interim E-scooter Strategy
- Phase 2 - Shared Micromobility Systems Research and Recommendations
- Phase 3 - Shared Micromobility Systems Implementation and Business Plan

The City of Mississauga is currently in phase one addressing the need for an interim by-law as the current City by-law does not explicitly address e-scooters. Mr. Sweet further noted the Provincial Pilot program by outlining the program's focus and regulations. The City will be reporting to General Committee in late 2020 or early 2021 on the City's vision and interim by-law.

Members of the Subcommittee raised the following questions and concerns:

- Inquired further clarification surrounding the purpose of the interim by-law;
- Requested to be kept in the loop and further consulted as the Micromobility Plan continues;
- Concerned about enforcement; and
- Concerned about utilizing the accessible ramps on MiWay buses and the usage in the malls and in mall parking lots.

Mr. Sweet responded to the questions raised by the subcommittee:

- The interim by-law will address the private use of electric scooters and to prevent private companies from setting up a shared e-scooter system.
- Accessibility and MiWay staff are currently participating on the Micromobility Plan to ensure accessibility concerns are being captured and addressed.
- Enforcement will be a challenge, however the first step in enforcement is having a by-law implemented to ensure these concerns can be enforced. Currently the City's by-law contains a gap regarding enforcement surrounding electric scooters.
- Malls are out of the City's enforcement jurisdiction.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the presentation regarding Mississauga's Approach to Micromobility and E-Scooters to the Accessible Transportation Subcommittee on October 19, 2020, be received;
2. That subject to the comments on the presentation, the Accessible Transportation Subcommittee recommends a ban on shared E-Scooters;
3. That the Accessible Transportation Subcommittee recommends that the interim by-law contains strict restrictions on where privately owned electric scooters can be operated including no allowance on sidewalks, roadways and transit systems.

3. Pedestrian Master Plan

Jacqueline Hunter, Transportation Demand Coordinator, Traffic Planning

Ms. Hunter presented on the Pedestrian Master Plan. The scope of the project entails reviewing the existing pedestrian network, updating pedestrian related policies and programs as well as reviewing and updating pedestrian infrastructure design standards. The goal of the master plan is make walking safer and comfortable, creating accessible and connected sidewalks and trails, encouraging active and healthy lifestyles through walking and to increase walking overall. The project timeline started in December 2019 with an end date for early 2021.

Members of the Subcommittee raised the following questions and concerns:

- Noted the survey was accessible;
- Addressed the missing components pertaining to the survey;
- Suggested shortening the survey;
- Suggested more seating for the aging population;
- Inquired if the term 'Pedestrian' is grouping individuals walking and persons with disabilities that use mobility devices;
- Inquired why the bus lane and curb slopes were not included in the Master Plan; and
- Inquired about construction protocols.

Ms. Hunter and Jen Cowan, Accessibility Specialist responded to the questions raised by the subcommittee:

- Missing Survey components will be forwarded to the Web Team to rectify those technical aspects.
- The term 'Pedestrian' was intended to be inclusive for all individuals that utilizing these paths and trails which include persons with disabilities that use mobility however the option to separate the definition is available.
- The Master Plan focus is on the overall pedestrian network and creating accessible and connected pathways.
- Construction protocols involve putting up signage.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the presentation regarding Pedestrian Master Plan to the Accessible Transportation Subcommittee on October 19, 2020, be received;
2. That subject to the comments on the presentation, the Facility Accessibility Design Subcommittee is satisfied with the initiatives the City is undertaking with respect to Pedestrian Master Plan.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be Determined.

Emily Daigle, Chair of ATS requested that MiWay staff come to an Accessible Transportation Subcommittee meeting to address the treatment of persons with disabilities during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

ADJOURNMENT - 3:20PM