

Attachment H: Advisory Committee Motions (Q4)

Advisory Committee Motions Fourth Quarter Report

Accessibility Working Group Minutes

Motions referred to Council:

Meeting Date: October 7, 2019

The AWG recommends that Council direct staff to Enforce City bylaws on sidewalk cafes and portable signs (sandwich boards), to remove barriers to safe sidewalk use by pedestrians with disabilities. (Note: For clarity, this means moving from a complaints-based model of enforcement to a proactive model of identifying hazards and instances of non-compliance, and taking enforcement actions, and may include a targeted information component).

The AWG recommends that Council direct staff to consider the implications of the City regulating businesses, which are granted the privilege of using the public domain for sidewalk cafes/patios, to be required to provide accessible access to the cafe/patio, and accessible seating. (Note: By accessible seating is meant, someone in a wheelchair can navigate to a table and the table will be at an appropriate height); and

Meeting Date: December 2, 2019

The AWG recommends that Council direct staff to make the Songhees Park Expansion a demonstration pilot for low allergen planting and to collaborate with experts and the AWG in development of the planting plan from the ground cover to trees.

Active Transportation Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: October 22, 2019

Motion to Council in consideration of 2020 Financial Plan:

The ATAC is supportive of directions outlined in the DRAFT 2020 Financial Plan for investments on walking, cycling and public transit with the following recommendations:

- The City should increase its capital spending on transit shelters. Specifically, the City should prioritize replacement of old shelters on rapid and frequent transit routes, consider non-standard shelter designs, explore alternative funding models, and prioritize advertisement-free shelters on the busiest corridors.
- The City should continue to support pedestrian wayfinding beyond the downtown core
- The City should plan for the completion of the Douglas Street Priority Bus lanes to Belleville Street
- Recognizing that new greenways are largely initiated through private development projects and improvements are associated with Parks or Transportation capital projects, the City should consider a future reserve fund to support greenways implementation

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- The City should consider initiating a project to name / brand different greenways and active transportation routes across the community
- The City should continue capital spending to support neighbourhood traffic calming (eg: speed reductions; improved pedestrian amenities; reduced cut-through traffic)
- The City should continue to support comprehensive investments under the Bicycle Master Plan budget including accessibility improvements, crosswalk upgrades /installations, sidewalk replacements/widening, and place-making features

Renters' Advisory Committee (RAC)

Meeting Date: October 29, 2019

Motion:

That the RAC request Council amend the RAC Terms of Reference to include an attendance policy. The policy will have a provision that RAC members may be removed from the Committee after two consecutive unexcused absences, subject to a majority vote from the RAC. RAC members may request a leave of absence from the RAC, subject to the approval by a majority vote from the RAC members. The RAC may make a motion to recommend City Council not replace vacancies on the RAC between terms.

Motion

That the RAC recommend the TAP moving expenses and assistance compensation be amended to include two compensation options for tenants, at the discretion of the tenant, while increasing the maximum compensation per unit as follows:

Moving Expenses and Assistance:

One of two options be provided to tenants, at the discretion of the tenant:

- (1) An insured moving company may be hired by the applicant, with all arrangements and costs covered for tenant's relocation;
Or
- (2) Flat rate compensation (based on unit size) be provided to the tenant at the rate of:
 - \$500 for a bachelor unit
 - \$750 for a 1-bedroom unit
 - \$1000 for a 2-bedroom unit
 - \$1500 for a 3-bedroom+ unit

Meeting Date: November 27, 2019

Motion:

That Jeff Dean be nominated to represent the RAC on the DCAP Technical Working Group, and that Riga Godron be nominated as alternate in the event that Jeff Dean unavailable.

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Meeting Date: January 6, 2020

Motion:

That the Renters' Advisory Committee recommend the following motions for Council's consideration to advance to the AVICC:

Amend the Residential Tenancy Act to reduce or eliminate "no pet" clauses in lease Agreements.

Establish a provincial Standards of Maintenance Policy

Tax Land and Improvements Separately.

(Motions were approved by Council for Submission to AVICC)