



# **City of Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes**

**1:00 PM - Tuesday, September 26, 2023**

City Hall, Council Chambers

---

The Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting was called to order on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 1:00 PM, in the City Hall, Council Chambers, with the following present:

**Members Present:** Members Greg Bamber, Doug Hone, and Co-chairs Mary Ann Greenwood, Janet Jones, and Councillor Louise Severson  
**Regrets:**  
**Staff:** Lynn Murray, Acting City Clerk

## **1. Chair's Remarks**

Co-chair Greenwood welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **2. Disclosure of Interest**

Nil.

## **3. Adoption of the Minutes**

Moved by: Member Hone

THAT the minutes of the Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting dated August 22, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

## **4. Delegations/Presentations**

Nil.

## **5. Correspondence & Communications**

Nil.

## **6. Staff Reports**

### **1. Para Transit - Policy**

Staff offered background into how they had come to this decision. There were three elements; staff that we currently have they will

just need to add more, ability to procure the equipment, and an operation plan.

Staff reviewed the current service and what is expected to change. Staff compared the cut away bus to two smaller vans. Staff described the types of vans that have been looked at to this point.

In addition, the city will be receiving two new buses in the near future so they will have a second life bus that can be used as back up to the para system as well.

There were some concerns raised by the ridership in attendance, like the ability to fit a 6-foot adult in these vans, the difficulty of pushing a walker up a ramp or the safety of going down a ramp in a walker.

Staff offered some clarity regarding the ramps, and seating within the vans.

Member Bamber added some information about the smaller of the two vans proposed as he owns this type of van. He offered to let the attendees view his van.

Staff played video for both types of vans being considered.

The ridership present had concerns about what would happen the current drivers. Staff stated that they are welcome to apply to the city for any upcoming postings for bus drivers.

Councillor Severson noted that we are here today to make sure we get the right vehicles for the job.

Staff made it clear that the riders and this committee will be involved in developing the policy around this service.

Councillor Severson suggested people contact her if they have questions, she will speak with staff and report back to the user groups.

Moved by: Councillor Severson

THAT the Committee prefers the larger of the two types of vans with lifts from the side.

**CARRIED**

## **7. New Business**

1. Increasing Membership of the Committee

*This item will be discussed at the next meeting.*

2. Para Transit - Ridership Survey

Co-chair Greenwood noted that the Accessibility Committee will be drafting and circulating a survey to the users of the para transit system.

3. 1000 Island Boat Races

*This item will be discussed at the next meeting.*

4. Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

*This item will be discussed at the next meeting.*

## **8. Adjournment**

Moved by: Member Bamber

THAT the BMAAC meeting be adjourned until its next regular meeting scheduled for October 24, 2023.

**CARRIED**

*The meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.*