

ACCAC Sub-Committee Report  
Monday Sept. 9, 2019

Present: M. Stone, J. Madden, M. Dawthorne, G. Ashford-Smith, D. Ruston, K. Husain

1. Accessible Halloween—Melanie reported that the accessible trick-or-treating program has been sold to Remax and Home Depot with its status in transition. The program will not be able to be rolled out in London as planned. Melanie to investigate partnering with other community center Halloween parties to spread information about how to make trick or treating accessible.
2. Parking Mobility App discussion—Parking Mobility is an app that is used in Texas that allows people to report and document cars parked illegally in accessible parking spots and submit it to authorities that can issue tickets. Put this on our 2020 work plan to start discussion about the possibility of using this in London.
3. AccessNow app discussion—AccessNow is an app developed by Maayan Ziv that has recently received \$2.7 million in federal funding. It is an app that allows people to identify businesses that are accessible and avoid ones that aren't. Questions raised include: how are features that are reported, verified? Is this something we could support and encourage the use of in the City of London? Jackie to contact the app developer to ask questions.
4. Medway Valley update. Michael and Jackie have been attending talks with city planning and EEPAC regarding trail development in the Medway Valley. More meetings to follow in the fall.
5. Accessible transportation—Michael reported on Paratransit budget request. The increase in funds is mostly for filling in the provincial shortfall and the increase in cost of the Voyageur contract. There is only a small increase going toward actual increase in ridership. Discussed strategies to have the community voice heard prior to the budget being settled. Need to ensure our community is aware of the public input sessions in January and encourage them to attend and voice their concerns. Further discussion about different strategies for delivering accessible transportation that would be more efficient, cost-effective and meet the needs of the various types of riders. Strategies to be developed further in next sub-committee meeting.