

Corporation of the Town of Huntsville

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on **Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.**
in the Huntsville Civic Centre, Partners Hall

Chair: Debbie Kirwin

Members: John Kenny
John Krochak (*via telephone*)
Bruce Liddle
Laurel Shaw
Agatha West
Deb Willows

Absent: Councillor John Davis
Rod Mundy
Grant Wager

Staff: Tanya Calleja, Administrative Assistant-Clerks
Denise Corry, Director of Corporate Services

1. **CONVENE**

Moved by Agatha West

AAC12-09

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT: We do now convene as the Accessibility Advisory Committee at 2:00 p.m.

Carried.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved by Agatha West

AAC13-09

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT: The Accessibility Advisory Committee Agenda dated Tuesday, April 21, 2009 be adopted as printed and circulated.

Carried.

3. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

- Nil -

4. **DELEGATION**

a) Deaf Access Simcoe Muskoka

Christine Cox, Support Service Counsellor presented a PowerPoint Presentation (Schedule "A" attached) outlining the services provided by Deaf Access Simcoe Muskoka.

Questions were raised regarding:

- Sign language courses;
- Visual fire alarms;
- AODA requirements for the deaf.

Ms Cox noted the following:

- Sign language courses will run in the fall:
 - Three levels in total;
 - Each level runs once a week for 10 weeks;
 - Cost is \$150.00 each level + \$90.00 for the book (covers all 3 levels);
 - Certificate course with exam.
- They will be contacting local Fire Departments offering visual fire alarms for those in need;
- She will research visual fire alarm requirements in hotels;
- She is unsure regarding AODA requirements for the deaf but that interpretation for the deaf can be made through writing on paper.

5. **MINUTES**

a) Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2009

The Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes dated March 10, 2009, were received and reviewed.

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- Nil -

7. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

a) Muskoka Tourism

Chair Kirwin outlined the Accessibility Questionnaire (Schedule "B" attached).

Chair Kirwin noted that Michael Lawley from Muskoka Tourism will be preparing the 2010 Tour Book Guide in May and that the book will be sent around the world.

Discussions took place regarding the criteria in regards to:

- The height of the toilet seat;
- Space under the sink;
- Room size;
- Hand held shower head.

The following changes were noted:

- 2. d) Permanent raised toilet and specialty seat with the combined minimum height to be ? from the floor (*? to be determined*);
- 2. e) A roll-in shower or tub with shower bench and *hand held shower head*;
- 2. g) Space under sink to be a minimum ? (*? to be determined*);
- Footnote: Furniture to be arranged in a commodious fashion to consider the turning radius of a wheelchair.

A discussion took place regarding the wheelchair symbol and criteria for wheelchair access only in the Tour Guide Book.

b) Professional Building Parking

Chair Kirwin provided a verbal report.

Chair Kirwin noted that the Accessible Parking Area has been temporarily closed due to abuse and further, that Mike Harrower requested suggestions from the Committee as to ideas on how to meet the needs of those with accessibility issues.

The following suggestions were noted:

- Machine in Professional Building is not accessible;
- Parking machine is too low and requires dexterity;
- Signage noting compliance and set fine needs to be large upon entering;
- Pharmacy deputies need conduct staggered policing.

A discussion took place regarding using the Town of Huntsville Disabled Parking Passes or coded Proximity Cards distributed by Staff at the Professional Building.

Chair Kirwin noted that she will contact Mr. Harrower with the Committee's suggestions.

c) Capital Theatre

A discussion took place regarding the renovations to the Capital Theatre.

d) Paralympics Legacy Fund

Chair Kirwin provided a verbal report.

Chair Kirwin suggested that the funds be donated to the River Mill Park or the newly purchased land for the Sports Park on Brunel Road.

A discussion took place regarding donating the money to the Centennial Centre pool for accessible equipment.

It was noted that a motion be prepared for the donation of the funds to the Centennial Centre pool for the next meeting.

8. REPORTS

a) Senior's Report

Bruce Liddle provided a verbal report on the letter sent to Huntsville Bowl (Schedule "C" attached).

A question was raised regarding the ability to decipher the audio traffic signal pinging sound.

Denise Corry noted that she would research how to decipher the signals.

9. UPDATES

- Nil -

10. NEW BUSINESS

a) Small Project Enabling Fund Application

Chair Kirwin outlined the motion.

Moved by Laurel Shaw

AAC14-09

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AND WHEREAS: The Town of Huntsville is committed to achieving accessibility within Municipally owned buildings, where possible;

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2. The installation of automatic doors to access Club 55 on the 1st floor of the Civic Centre. (Installation of automatic doors at the entrance would allow a person with a disability independent access);
3. Upgrade to the washrooms of the Utterson Community Hall. (Upgrades to the washroom will make them completely accessible).

Carried.

b) Outside Handrail

Deferred to next meeting.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Laurel Shaw

AAC15-09

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT: We do now adjourn at 4:15 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Huntsville Civic Centre, Partner's Hall.

Carried.

Chair

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