



Minutes

Of a Meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Of the City of Kenora Thursday, June 15th, 2023 – City Hall/Virtual 4:00p.m.

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**With:** C. Kelsie Van Belleghem Corrie Neufeld Mary Bawden Heather Bird

**Staff:** Danica Farion – Executive Assistant

**Regrets:** Chad English Maureen Wasacase

### 1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Mary called the meeting to order at 5:05pm

Land Acknowledgement delivered by Mary Bawden.

No pecuniary interests were declared.

### 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

**Moved By C. Kelsie Van Belleghem Seconded by Heather Bird, and Carried –**

That the Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be confirmed as written and filed.

### 3. Accessible Parking Spaces

The City has removed one accessible parking space outside Knox United Church at the request of the Church. The space was one of two accessible spaces originally requested by the Church in 2019 to better serve their users, however an unforeseen consequence of adding this space has negatively affected deliveries and 'drop and go' abilities, and so the Church had requested the removal of one of the spaces to better serve their operations. The City has added two additional accessible parking spaces at the Moncrief Construction Sports Centre, bringing the total accessible spaces to seven; this is to better serve the user base and better comply with the AODA.

Table discussions regarding these types of changes being brought to the Accessibility Advisory Committee prior to decisions being made in the future. Consideration to slope, as

well as vehicles that open from the side to allow access for assistive devices when creating accessible parking spots needs to occur.

Councillor Van Belleghem shared feedback regarding making the parking meters more accessible as individuals can use the app but still must walk to the meter to enter the number of the meter. There are time restraints on parking as well and vehicles need to be moved after a certain amount of time which can be difficult for people with mobility challenges. Staff resource to follow up internally on solutions for these challenges. Conversations evolved into parking rates within the City. Suggestion of adding large signage to meters with numbers so visible from a distance.

#### **4. Addressing Areas of Concern / Wishlist**

Discussions on how this committee can move business forward and avenues for committee members to take to advance business at this Table.

The Committee will create a 'wishlist' of items pertaining to accessibility. This will bring transparency to concerns when internal projects are created and for when grant/funding opportunities arise.

#### **5. Next Meeting – TBD**

Staff resource to send an email to determine next meeting date.

#### **6. Adjourn Meeting –** The meeting adjourned at 5:53pm.