



Minutes

Of a Meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Of the City of Kenora

Wednesday, December 14, 2016 – City Hall Council Chambers
5:00 p.m.

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**With** Chair Denise Mialt, Councillor Sharon Smith, Deborah Hatfield, Mary Bawden, Ruth Bowiec

**Staff** Adam Smith, Special Projects & Research Officer, Kelly Galbraith, Administrative Assistant

**Regrets** Vice-Chair Diane Pelletier, Chad English, Councillor Rory McMillan, Rev'd Sandra Tankard, Marion McKay, Kerri Holder, Communications Clerk

### 1. Call to Order

Denise called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

### 2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

There were none declared.

### 3. Confirmation of Minutes

**Moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Deborah Hatfield and Carried -**

That the Minutes of the Accessibility Committee meeting held November 9, 2016 be confirmed as written and filed.

### 4. Work Plan

The annual work plan was shared with the group. There was a discussion on the 2016 accomplishments and to see what should be carried forward into 2017.

The goal of developing a vision statement was discussed. It was asked if a vision statement specific to the work plan is needed or if this should be the overall vision of the committee.

There was a conversation on the Making Accessibility Happen Manual. Denise shared she receives many compliments on the manual.

It was mentioned how the term "Beyond Minimum" is now being used nationally and has been heard on CBC news. The question if beyond minimum is enough was raised and the idea of universal design was discussed in-depth.

In 2016 an inspection of the Keewatin Arena was completed as part of the Work Plan. In 2017 the group would like to focus on buildings which have recently done some renovations or updating. It was asked if this could be added to the January agenda.

Adam shared the Review of Site Plan Applications should be a common practice for City staff. Adam will follow up with the Planning Department to ensure this is being done.

The window clings were discussed and the idea of adding an age friendly component to them was shared. Accessibility Week is the first week of June, which is also Brain Injury Awareness Week and Seniors Month; this is seen as an ideal time to roll out the window clings to businesses and create awareness.

## **5. Terms of Reference**

In the interest of time this item will be added to the January agenda.

## **6. Garrow Park – Proposed Playground Design**

Adam informed the group the application for the grant of \$50,000 which would provide funding for the playground was declined. It was said this is a good learning opportunity for future grant applications. It was said that going forward future applications and designs should be looked at through an accessibility lense.

## **7. City of Kenora Traffic and Parking By-Law**

The Traffic and Parking By-Law was circulated to the committee members as per a request from the November Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting. It was asked that the Traffic and Parking By-law Schedules K and L be shared with the committee as well. Kelly will circulate the Schedule K & L via email.

There was a discussion on the idea of drop off zones which would have both an accessibly and age-friendly component. The Matiowski Farmers' Market and Discovery Centre were seen as ideal locations for a feature like this. Denise spoke about the Paterson Medical Clinic adding a drop off zone which has been well received. Mary identified a strong connection between the Accessibility Committee and the Age-Friendly Committee. She is a member of both committees and sees benefit in sharing the Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes with the Age-Friendly Committee and vice versa.

Before closing the meeting Denise asked the group if they see any areas which are not accessible after a large snowfall to contact her so she is aware what type of issues are being identified. She provided an example of a large snow pile close to the parking stalls near King Furniture. Denise will bring these issues forward to Krishanth Koralalge with the City of Kenora, Roads Division.

**9. Next Meeting – January 11, 2017**

**11. Adjourn Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.