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

Wednesday, November 9, 2016 – City Hall Council Chambers 5:00 p.m.

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**With** Vice-Chair Diane Pelletier, Chad English, Councillor Sharon Smith, Deborah Hatfield, Marion McKay, Adam Smith, Special Projects & Research Officer, Kelly Galbraith, Administrative Assistant

**Regrets** Chair Denise Miault, Mary Bawden, Councillor Rory McMillan, Ruth Bowiec, Rev'd Sandra Tankard, Kerri Holder, Communications Clerk

#### **1. Call to Order**

Diane called meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

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

There were none declared.

#### **3. Confirmation of Minutes**

**Moved by Marion McKay, seconded by Deborah Hatfield and Carried -**

That the Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held June 8, 2016 be confirmed as written and filed.

#### **4. Work Plan**

Diane requested the Annual Work Plan discussion be tabled until the next Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting when Chair Denise Miault is present. It was asked that a copy of the Work Plan to be sent to the committee members. Kelly will send the document via email.

## **5. Metered Accessibility Parking Spot Maintenance during winter**

Maps of Keewatin, Norman, Downtown, Lakeside and the Pinecrest/Rabbit Lake areas highlighting disabled, off and on street parking stalls, provided by the Roads Department were passed around. It was asked if these maps are available for the general public. Tools for sharing the maps such as social media (the City of Kenora's Facebook page), Go Kenora app, print outs at City Hall reception and the kenora.ca website were discussed. The creation of a brochure and app to indicate these parking spots was also mentioned. Marion asked if there was any grant monies available to help develop these projects.

It was asked if the City is responsible for parking lots such as the soccer field and if by-law officers issue tickets on privately owned property such as the Walmart parking lot? Adam will follow up on this.

## **6. Announcements and Communications**

- **“What does an Accessible Canada mean to you” – discussion on documentation provided by Kelly Galbraith on behalf of Heather Kasprick**

The “in-person consultation sessions to inform the development of planned accessibility legislation” dates have passed. It was suggested the [Canada.ca/Accessible-Canada](http://Canada.ca/Accessible-Canada) link and the Accessible Canada Facebook page be shared on the City of Kenora's Facebook Page.

- **Healthy Meetings and Events Policy – Adam Smith**

Adam shared the City's new Healthy Meetings and Events Policy. He spoke on how any City run event which runs over an hour should include a small break for physical activity such as stretching. If food and beverages are available they should consist of options which are both healthy and have a low environmental impact. Adam explained the idea is not to dictate or prohibit but is to provide options. Councillor Smith commented how this is a good policy and the City should be a leader in this area. There was a discussion on how Rec Centres should also be offering a healthy option in the vending machines and concessions. It was requested that a copy of the Policy be shared with the committee via email which Kelly will send.

- **Report back from Chad English on Business Owner Rebuilding Access to Docking with Ramp**

Chad provided an update on the business owner who approached him in the spring regarding rebuilding access to docking with a ramp. He advised the work had not been done. There was a discussion that safety and liability are a concern to the group.

## **7. Follow up from the Splash Park Site Tour at Norman Park and the Splash Park Presentation from Rotary Club Members**

On November 9<sup>th</sup> the Accessibility Advisory Committee was invited to attend a Special Presentation on the Splash Park by Rotary Club Members hosted at the Kenora Urban Trails meeting. It was commented there was a good turnout at the presentation and it is good to hear the location of the Splash Park is still flexible. It was remarked that the Kenora Urban Trails Committee and the Accessibility Advisory Committee brainstorming and working together as this Splash Park moves forward is seen as a benefit. There was a discussion on the parking lot of the proposed Norman Park location being a concern due to the steep embankment to access the venue, beach and bathrooms. Councillor Smith commented this is a great opportunity for the City to develop Norman Park further while the equipment is on-site for the construction of the Splash Park and trails.

Marion shared a story about her recent visit to an accessible playground in Bemidji, Minnesota and the joy it brought to the children. It was said the current playground at Norman Park is in need of some work and upgrades. The construction of a fully accessible playground was suggested as being a great addition to the Splash Park site at Norman Park.

The playground construction at Garrow Park was also discussed. There was a comment on how there was lots of opportunity for grants for the Garrow Park playground with the Canada Summer Games coming to town in 2017. There was a grant application submitted to Trillium for this project however there has been no response yet. Adam will share the design which was submitted for the grant with the Accessibility Advisory Committee members at the next meeting. Diane has requested that Adam bring what the City is doing in accessibility areas to the committee meetings as well. It was commented that all City led projects should be viewed through an accessibility lens.

## **8. David C. Onley Award for Leadership In Accessibility – Nominations**

Adam shared that the David C. Onley Award for Leadership In Accessibility Nomination period is now open. Denise Miault was previously nominated and the recipient of this award. Kelly will pass along the email with the details on submitting a nomination if anyone is interested.

## **9. Next Meeting – December 14, 2016**

## **11. Adjourn Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.