



# Minutes

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

Wednesday, February 8, 2017 – City Hall Council Chambers  
5:00 p.m.

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**With** Chair Denise Miault, Vice-Chair Diane Pelletier, Councillor Sharon Smith, Ruth Bowiec, Deborah Hatfield

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

**Regrets** Councillor Rory McMillan, Rev'd Sandra Tankard, Chad English, Marion McKay, Mary Bawden

### 1. Call to Order

Denise called meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

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

There were none declared.

### 3. Confirmation of Minutes

**Moved by Ruth Bowiec, seconded by Councillor Smith and Carried -**

That the Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held January 11, 2017 be confirmed as written and filed.

### 4. Revised Beyond Minimum Letter – Updated to include grant information

Adam spoke on the revised Beyond Minimum Letter which had been circulated to the committee members. The revisions include information on grants which are available to developers for accessibility features. The group felt this was a great add to the letter. It was commented that the

CIPs (Community Improvement Plans) are not communicated enough to businesses and developers. The idea of adding a communication piece on CIPs, to be distributed during Accessibility Week was discussed and seen as a great opportunity to create awareness of the program and the AAC.

## **6. Announcements and Communications**

- **Community Access – Kenora Daily Miner and News - Winter streets and sidewalks pose challenges for people in wheelchairs**

Denise was recently featured in an article in the Kenora Daily Miner and News speaking on the challenges people in wheelchairs experience on winter streets and sidewalks. It was commented that any time the committee can get publicity it is good. Denise shared that she is in regular contact with the Roads Department to help identify accessible areas in need of snow clearing. Praise was given to Krishanth Koralalage the Roads Division Lead with the City of Kenora and his crew for the great job they are doing this year with the snow clearing.

- **Paragames & Provincials**

Denise shared her curling team is attending the Paragames in Brantford this week. They are 1 of 6 teams which were invited to participate. The curling team will also be going to the Provincials at the end of February in Thunder Bay. The team consists of all Kenora residents.

There was a discussion on the Scotiabank Hockey Day in Canada Sledge Hockey Event being held on February 18<sup>th</sup>. It was mentioned to be a great event for accessibility.

Ruth provided an update on the accessible ramp at the Railway Museum. Construction is scheduled for April 2017.

## **9. Next Meeting – March 8, 2017 at 5:00 pm**

## **11. Adjourn Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.