



Minutes

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

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

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**With** Vice-Chair Diane Pelletier, Councillor Sharon Smith, Mary Bawden, Deborah Hatfield, Chad English

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

**Regrets** Chair Denise Miault, Councillor Rory McMillan, Rev'd Sandra Tankard, Ruth Bowiec, Marion McKay

### 1. Call to Order

Diane called meeting to order at 5:00 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 Advisory Committee meeting held September 13, 2017 be confirmed as written and filed.

### 4. Norman Park – Splash Pad Location & Spring Site Visit

The future development of Norman Park and the placement of the Splash Park were discussed. The two potential locations for the Splash Park were reviewed; near the beach or near the club house.

There were concerns brought forward regarding the location near the beach, both from accessibility and maintenance perspectives. Accessibility concerns such as the steep slope of the landscape, parking, safety and visibility were discussed. The

group was in agreement that from an accessibility standpoint the Splash Park would be best situated near the club house rather than the beach. If the Rotary Club application to Trillium is approved, the AAC members would like to develop a letter to bring forward a recommendation to the Rotary Club, to have the Splash Park located near the club house.

Adam informed the group that Trillium should have the status of the grant in February 2018. Adam offered to draft the letter to the Rotary Club and will bring to the next AAC meeting for the group to review.

#### **5. Mobi Mats – Corrected to Stop Gap Program**

Adam noted this section of the agenda was intended to read Stop Gap Program. There was a discussion on how the program originated and where it has left off. The group agreed there is benefit to the community from the program and that it would be a useful tool for business to get to the 2025 ADOA standards. It was commented that there was not much uptake on the program when it was initially launched however, it was felt that it would be useful to send a reminder to the local businesses.

There was a discussion on a pharmacy in Keewatin that is difficult to access. It was commented that spacing is the issue and concerns had been brought forward to Keewatin New Horizons. Councillor Smith will talk to the pharmacist at this location to bring forward the concerns.

#### **6. Review of AAC Terms of Reference**

The AAC Terms of Reference were circulated to the group for their review. Membership and attendance was discussed at length. It was noted that we do have one vacancy on the committee. Deborah and Denise know of a community member who is interested in joining the committee, Kelly has forwarded the application form and City Clerk's contact information.

#### **7. Announcements and Communications**

Councillor Smith spoke on potential funding opportunities for the committee to seek. The development of an Accessible trail from Discovery Centre to Norman Park was seen as an opportunity for collaboration with AAC and the Kenora Urban Trails Committee. The Kenora Urban Trails committee is pushing to develop the trail and committee member Heather Gushulak shared information on a grant however it does not fund infrastructure and capital. It was asked if we have an existing trail and attach an accessibility component would it work? Enabling accessibility and trillium were also identified as funding opportunities to pursue. It was commented that the City of Kenora can only submit one Trillium application per year. Trans Canada Trail was also discussed as a possible funder as the Trans Canada Trail is part of this location.

It was commented that AAC needs a project as they are helpful for the committee; they keep people coming to the meeting and gives the committee a purpose.

Adam shared that he is working on the compliance report and multi-year accessibility plan. He will bring these items forward to the January meeting for the committee to review.

Mary spoke on the great progress that Brantford Ontario has been making in accessibility and the beyond minimum standards. She also shared that the Kenora Age Friendly Committee conducted a survey and received feedback from 300 seniors in the community. Accessibility of buildings and open spaces were included on the survey. Mary will provide the survey results to the AAC. She noted that there was lots of support and assistance with the survey from the Keewatin Library.

#### **8. Next Meeting – January 8, 2018**

#### **9. Adjourn Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.