



M i n u t e s
Of a Meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee
Of the City of Kenora
Monday, June 25, 2018 – Kenora Recreation Centre
4:00 p.m.

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**With** Chair Denise Miault, Councillor Sharon Smith, Mary Bawden, Ruth Bowiec, Deborah Hatfield, Chad English, Marion McKay

**Staff** Adam Smith - Special Projects & Research Officer

**Regrets** Councillor Rory McMillan, Rev'd Sandra Tankard, Diane Pelletier - Vice-Chair, Kelly Galbraith - Administrative Assistant

**Guests** Kylie Hissa - Planning Analyst & Kevin Robertson - Chief Building Officer

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:10pm.

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

**3. Community improvement Plan (CIP) Accessibility Grant Application with guest Kylie Hissa, Planning Analyst**

The CIP grant application is tabled for now as there remains uncertainty around the grant. Knox Church is potentially interested in the Accessibility Grant. Kylie will follow-up to see whether it is in the boundaries of Harbourn Centre.

#### **4. Accessible Building code Requirements with guest Kevin Robertson, Chief Building Officer**

Councillor Smith informed the group that she called Kevin to come to the meeting due to her concerns after reading the Twinning Report. Kevin says the Building Code is there for new construction, other than that it does not kick in. The Code does contain a section on barrier-free design, applies to public and private. Adam mentioned that even in the AODA there is no requirement to retrofit existing buildings if there are no plans to do so. Sharon suggests having an orientation with the new accessibility committee to go over Building Code and AODA requirements to ensure we are all on the same page.

***Kevin left the meeting at 4:42***

#### **5. Confirmation of Minutes**

**Moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Marion McKay and Carried -**

That the Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held May 2, 2018 be confirmed as written and filed.

#### **6. National AccessAbility Week – Event Feedback**

Councillor Smith commented that the National Accessibility Event was the best one she attended and expressed gratitude to the organizers. Mary would like us to continue incorporating young and old into accessibility events.

#### **7. Enabling Accessibility Fund – New Stream Announcement**

An update was provided on the newly announced Enabling Accessibility Fund for small projects. The small stream projects will provide grant funding of up to \$100,000. The deadline for applications is July 26, 2018. Councillor Smith suggested that Meg at Knox Church also be made aware of the Enabling Accessibility Fund grant. Adam made the groups aware of the City's applications for the funding.

***Deborah arrived at 4:50***

#### **8. Norman Park Trail**

Councillor Sharon indicated that the Norman Park trail from the Discovery Centre is no longer being pursued by the Kenora Urban Trails Committee. The cost for this project is deemed too great. Councillor Smith wanted to bring it forward to the AAC to also drop the Discovery Centre as a priority. AAC agreed.

## **10. Garrow Park Playground**

### **Moved by Mary Bawden, seconded by Ruth Bowiec and Carried –**

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends the installation of a rubberized surface to replace the Engineered Wood Fibre (EWF) as the ground cover for the Garrow Park play structure to reflect the Committee's commitment to going 'beyond minimum' in improvements to public spaces.

### **Discussion:**

On the Garrow Park playground, Councillor Smith stated that wood chips are the standard for accessible playgrounds. Chad says that the playground is inclusive but it is not fully accessible. He recommends similar rubber matting to that of ValleyView School. Councillor Smith says that the chips are migrating to the beach creating a safety risk. Costs are estimated up to \$70,000 for rubber matting. James Tkachyk, Parks and Facilities Division Lead is looking at mitigation measures for this issue. Councillor Smith would like a resolution coming from the AAC supporting making the playground fully accessible and investing in the structure to do so. The resolution from the AAC will accompany the report to Council in July. Chad will also take Sophie to the park again and follow-up on the conditions at the playground.

## **11. Next Meeting – October 13, 2015**

## **12. Adjourn Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.