



Minutes

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

Wednesday, September 5th, 2018 – City Hall Council Chambers
4:00 p.m.

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

Staff Adam Smith, Special Projects & Research Officer, Kelly Galbraith, Deputy Clerk/Customer Services Division Lead

Regrets Councillor Rory McMillan, Rev’d Sandra Tankard

1. Call to Order

Denise called meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

There were none declared.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Mary Bawden, seconded by Deborah Hatfield and Carried -
That the Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held June 25, 2018 be confirmed as written and filed.

Moved by Mary Bawden, seconded by Diane Pelletier and Carried -
That the Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee special meeting held July 30, 2018 be confirmed as written and filed.

4. Garrow Park Update

The installation of the woodchips was discussed and it was asked if the product had been properly wetted and tamped. The supplier advised that the product had this occur naturally at the time of the installation due to the weather elements. It was asked if natural compaction would have the same result as manual compaction and it was said that manual compaction causes the fibers to knit together. Chad has been in contact with James Tkachyk, Parks and Facilities Division Lead and it was recommended that the woodchips are not compacted any further manually. The weight of the snow and children will further compact the product. The high traffic areas have visibly compacted.

The wooden border surrounding the play surface was discussed and accessibility concerns were identified. The border will be looked at in the spring 2019 to see if it can be removed in certain locations to allow for accessible access without allowing the woodchips to migrate into the beach.

Garrow Park was discussed at length by the committee on numerous occasions and it was looked at as a good learning experience. The experience has highlighted the need for more thought on how to move forward with playgrounds in the future and the importance of the role of the Accessibility Advisory Committee plays in the community.

5. 2019 Capital Priorities

Adam encouraged the group to bring forward ideas that the committee would like to focus on as a project. Ideas such as beach wheelchairs and the installation of Mobi Mats at additional beaches were shared, as well as a play space at Norman Park. Upgrading washrooms was brought forward as a suggestion and Ruth and Mary extended their thanks to the staff who maintain the washrooms at the pavilion.

6. Committee Membership

Committee members were advised that their term on the committee will expire on November 30, 2018. Once available, Kelly will circulate committee applications for those who wish to reapply for membership. Membership will be determined at the first meeting of the new Council in December.

7. Announcements and Communications

At the special meeting held in July it was asked if docks are included in the building code. It was later confirmed that there is no reference to docks under the building code however, docks should be taken into consideration for the Multi-year Accessibility Plan. Docks lifts were discussed and it was suggested dock lifts also be consider for 2019 capital priorities.

Chad provided an update on sledge hockey. An open house was held in August at which Chad coached the second session which seen 12 sledges in use. Advertising for the season will be done in the Leisure Guide.

Denise encouraged the group to bring forward projects that they would like to see prioritized for capital projects in the Multi-year Accessibility Plan.

Adam will circulate the Multi-year Accessibility Plan to the group for their review.

8. Next Meeting – October 3, 2018

11. Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.