



Minutes

**Of a Meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee
Of the City of Kenora
Wednesday, February 6, 2019
Kenora Rec Centre, 2nd Floor Meeting Room
4:00 p.m.**

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**With** Diane Pelletier, Councillor Rory McMillan, Ruth Bowiec, Deborah Laco, Chad English, Mary Bawden

**Staff** Adam Smith - Special Projects & Research Officer, Kelly Galbraith - Deputy Clerk

**Regrets** Councillor Sharon Smith

**1. Call to Order**

Kelly called meeting to order at 4:10 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 Mary Bawden and Carried -**

That the Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held November 7, 2018 be confirmed as written and filed.

**4. Election of Chair & Co-Chair**

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

**5. Multiyear Accessibility Plan**

Adam circulated a draft of the updated Multi-Year Accessibility Plan to the group for their review. He encouraged the group to send their feedback prior to the Plan being presented to Council at Committee of the Whole meeting in March.

## **6. Enabling Accessibility Fund Grant Application Update**

Adam shared that the two grant applications that were submitted to the Enabling Accessibility Fund were denied. The City is looking at additional funding sources for the Norman Park trail as the splash pad is moving forward. It was asked if follow-up can be done to see why the applications were denied.

## **7. Pickleball Funding**

The City of Kenora was successful in receiving the Trillium Capital Grant and the New Horizons Grant for the Pickleball Club of Kenora. The funds will be used for enhancements to Garrow Park including paving of the courts.

## **8. Announcements and Communications**

An invitation to a webinar on Accessibility and Age-Friendly Communities: Strengthening Local Impact was extended to the group. The Northwestern Health Unit (NWHU) has offered to host the webinar in their large boardroom and AAC members were asked to RSVP to Judy Underwood at the NWHU.

## **9. Roundtable**

Concerns with big belly garbage cans still being in place on the stairs at the Keewatin Arena were brought forward. Rory informed the group the issue has been brought to the attention of Stace Gander, Community Services Manager as well as James Tkachyk, Parks and Facilities Division Lead. Adam and Kelly will follow up with them on this issue.

Snow removal was discussed by the group and accessible parking spots are a concern. It was commented that although the parking stalls are cleared, the snowbanks make the stalls inaccessible. Kelly will extend an invitation to the March AAC meeting to Troy Golding, Road Division Lead to discuss snow removal.

## **10. Next Meeting – March 6, 2019**

## **11. Adjourn Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.