



M i n u t e s
Of a Meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee
Of the City of Kenora
Monday, March 18, 2019
Kenora Rec Centre, 2nd Floor Meeting Room
4:00 p.m.

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**With** Councillor Sharon Smith, Ruth Bowiec, Deborah Laco, Mary Bawden, Brenda Rainville

**Staff** Kelly Galbraith - Deputy Clerk

**Regrets** Councillor Rory McMillan, Chad English, Diane Pelletier, Adam Smith, Development Service Strategist

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

**2. Welcome & Introductions**

Roundtable introductions were done. Troy Golding, Roads Division Lead and new committee member Brenda Rainville were welcomed by the group.

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

There were none declared.

**4. Snow Removal Discussion with guest Troy Golding, Roads Division Lead**

Troy thanked the group for inviting him to discuss the winter snow removal. He shared his background in Roads as well as his interactions with Accessibility related projects in Thunder Bay.

The group expressed their gratitude for the accessible parking stalls being cleared quickly this season however, in some areas the snowbanks near the stalls make it difficult to put money in the parking meters and access the sidewalks.

Troy informed the group that snow clearing of accessible parking stalls is made priority for the overnight crews however, the equipment required to remove the embankments may take up to 24 hours before the embankment can be removed. The crews also worked to improve access to push buttons on light stands. This year the increased amount of snowfall made it difficult to get equipment close to the push buttons. The Provincial standard is 14 inches from edge of pole to the sidewalk but crews are trying to clear the snow right to the edge of the pole base.

### **Discussion:**

Brenda shared her experience with driving Handi-Transit. Some areas of concern were identified for on-loading/off-loading passengers. Troy encouraged the group to compile a list of areas of concern. He would like to attend another AAC meeting in next few months to discuss these areas and asked that Kelly provide his email to the group. The AAC members expressed their gratitude to the Roads crew for their hard work during this winter season.

Troy Golding, Roads Division Lead – [tgolding@kenora.ca](mailto:tgolding@kenora.ca)  
Roger Wilcott, Roads Team Lead – [rwilcott@kenora.ca](mailto:rwilcott@kenora.ca)

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

**Moved by Ruth Bowiec, seconded by Deborah Laco and Carried -**

That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held February 6, 2019 be confirmed as written and filed.

### **6. Chair & Co-Chair Discussion**

Appointing a Chairperson & Co-Chair was brought forward from the February AAC meeting. Member nominations and the time commitment were discussed by the group. The option of having a rotating Chairperson was shared. The meetings would be chaired monthly in alphabetical order by each committee member. Kelly will draft a schedule and bring it forward to the April meeting for further discussion.

### **7. Roundtable**

A webinar on Accessibility and Age-Friendly Communities: Strengthening Local Impact was attended by some AAC members. Those who attended shared that the webinar was very beneficial. A link to the recording will be shared with the group by Kelly.

It was suggested that National AccessAbility Week event/communication planning be added to the April agenda for discussion. Spotlighting the Beyond Minimum communication piece was brought forward. The group was encouraged to bring forward their ideas to the next meeting.

Early planning for a sledge hockey event at the Keewatin Arena is underway. The date is confirmed for April 14<sup>th</sup>. More details will be made available once the details are confirmed.

Renderings for a solution to the issue with the big belly garbage cans on the stairway at the Keewatin Arena were circulated by email. The group agreed that the proposed solution would allow for railing access to accommodate both left and right strengths.

### **8. Next Meeting – Wednesday, April 3, 2019**

### **9. Adjourn Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.