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**Of a Meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee
Of the City of Kenora
Wednesday, September 1, 2021 – Virtual Attendance
4:00 p.m.**

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With Diane Pelletier, Councillor Sharon Smith, Chad English

Staff Kylie Hissa, Strategic Initiatives Officer, Kelly Galbraith, Deputy Clerk

Regrets Ruth Bowiec, Mary Bawden, Brenda Ranville, Councillor Rory McMillan (alternate)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. It was noted there was no quorum.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

There were none declared.

3. 2020/2021 City of Keora Accessible Upgrades

Photos provided by Shaun Clifford, Parks and Facilities Manger were shown to the group. They highlight the upgrades done at the Main Street pop up patio, Garrow Park, Portage Bay, the Splash Park and Beatty Park.

An accessible ramp installed the new Main Street pop up patio.



Brail signs at Garrow have been installed in a better position (see below).



The path at Portage Bay is now lit up and the path has been leveled.



A new accessible table and two parking spots at the Splash Park have been installed.



We leveled out the parking paths at Beatty Park and eliminated several stairs to allow better flow. This area is also on the list for paving this fall so it will be very nice.



4. Norman Park Update

Kylie provided the group an update on the accessible path which is to be installed at Norman Park. There were some delays in construction due to COVID however, the work is slated to begin mid-September. There will be a paved path with accessible picnic tables and benches. There is hopes to develop a fully accessible playground at the park as well. Funding opportunities are available and applications will be submitted.

5. Central Park

Plans for the new development of Central Park Community Club are underway. Stace Gander, Director of Community Services is looking for a representative from the AAC to attend a meeting to discuss the plans. Chad was selected as the rep. Stace will connect with him regarding a date and time. It was suggested that a rep from sledge hockey also be included in the conversation as there will be an outdoor rink.

6. Roundtable Discussion

Chad shared that on Coney Island there is a Mobi Mat which goes from the dock to a set of stairs on the boardwalk. The purpose of the Mobi Mats are to allow people with mobility devices easy access into the water. The Mobi Mat on Coney is not serving its purpose. Kelly and Kylie will bring this forward to Shaun Clifford.

Chad also shared that the City of Thunder Bay recently opened a new accessible playground. He will share an article which includes photos of the new structure. The wood chips at the Garrow Park playground were discussed and it was noted that any new playgrounds in Kenora should not include wood chips. The woods chips have been in place for some time and they have not compacted as expected.

Diane attended the Kenora Urban Recreation Trails recognition event for funders of the water filling stations at Garrow Park. She shared that Garrow Park looked beautiful and how amazing it is when the community comes together to make a difference. To date over 850 water bottles have been filled at the Garrow Park fountain.

It was shared that some municipalities are upgrading the accessibility symbol to the active accessibility symbol. Kelly and Kylie will bring this forward to City staff for future projects and upgrades.

It was requested that the AAC terms of reference be circulated to the group for discussion at the next meeting.

7. Next Meeting – October 6, 2020

8. Adjourn Meeting

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