



Minutes

Of a Meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Of the City of Kenora Thursday, May 4th, 2023 – City Hall/Virtual 4:00p.m.

~~~~~

**With:** Maureen Wasacase Chad English Mary Bawden Heather Bird  
C. Kelsie Van Belleghem

**Staff:** Danica Farion – Executive Assistant Kelly Galbraith – Deputy Clerk  
Shaun Clifford – Facilities Manager

**Regrets:** Corrie Neufeld

### 1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Chad called the meeting to order at 4:03pm

Land Acknowledgement delivered by Chad English.

### 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

**Moved By Maureen Wasacase Seconded by Kelsie Van Belleghem, and Carried –**  
That the Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held March 23, 2023 be confirmed as written and filed.

### 3. Presentation by Shaun Clifford – Accessibility Upgrades & Norman Park

The focus of Shaun’s presentation was on the work that has occurred and is planned for Norman Park. He showcased the improvements to Coney Island with Boardwalk, Ramps, and floating docking. Beatty Park and Central Community Club were explored as well. He also spoke briefly about some upcoming projects. The presentation is included in these minutes. There was an opportunity for the Table to ask Shaun questions on the presented projects.

### 4. AccessAbility Week – May 28 – June 3

Open discussions on what should be done for this year’s AccessAbility Week. One member shared that they would like to see a focus on a Ability rather than deficit. Shaun’s presentation would be a good area to explore for next year when the parks are established.

For this year, consideration to partnerships with other organizations in town to highlight AccessAbility week.

Discussions about what other communities and organizations are doing.

A suggestion for a call out to local organizations to showcase their accessibility standards and promote via City community channels. Another possibility would be presenting this Committee and what this Committee does.

In-depth conversations about interactions with those with disabilities, and how addressing people with disabilities with a different tone or language can cause even more of a barrier and a feeling of not being included.

Table in favour of showcasing this committee for Accessibility Week. The staff resource will initiate this process.

Discussions around what the purpose of this Committee is and how this Committee can facilitate improvements within the Community.

**5. Next Meeting** – Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 4:00pm

**6. Adjourn Meeting** – The meeting adjourned at 5:22pm.