



City of Kenora  
Accessibility Advisory Committee  
1 Main St South  
Kenora, Ontario P9N 3X2

## **MINUTES**

### **CITY OF KENORA ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING TO BE HELD at Kenora Wellness Centre 18 Mike Richards Way May 9, 2012 – 5:00 P.M.**

**Present:**

Denise Miault	Chair
Sharen Smith,	Council
Dianne Griffiths	Member
Deanne Sutton	Member
Fred De Wind	Member
Kendra Dobinson	Member
Diane Pelletier	Member
Barb Penner	Member
John Nabb	Staff Resource

**Regrets,** Rod McKay Council, Ruth Bowic Member, Diane Debbo Member, John Nabb Resource

## **ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Denise, called the May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 City of Kenora Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting, to order at 5:07 p.m.

**2. Introductions and Welcome:** Denise welcomed Members and guests  
Councilor Smith introduced Diane Schwartz Williams

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest -** No conflicts declared

**4. Presentation**

Diane Schwartz Williams provided an overview of her role with the northwest Business Centre, and the relationship they Centre has with the business Community. Diane brought forward her presentation that was made to the chamber explaining the current Accessible Act legislation, Diane further explained that the business community was not well versed with the legislation which precipitated the need to develop a brief on accessibility and deflect the misnomers to clearly identify the time lines of each segment of the legislation as it moves forward in its implementation. In discussion with the community, Diane expressed the need for partnerships and greater communication between the business community and the committee to ensure the cooperation needed to reduce barriers. Diane provided a copy of the presentation to the committee and thanked them for their time to discuss the presentation and business concerns.

**4. Approval of MINUTES:** Fred / Councilor Smith

**5. Business Arising:** none

**6. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**7. Updates & Information**

Denise wanted the committee to know that she did check into stop gap and explained that businesses in the community should be encouraged to use it as it could be a viable option for some to eliminate small barriers

## 9. NEW BUSINESS:

- Denise noted that she has contacted Heather Kasprick to develop a communication plan to the public from the committee via the City, Fred's blog was also identified to Heather
- Fred noted that he has added links to the blog
- Denise wanted to let the committee know that national awareness day provides great synergy to get the message out to the community, and possible focus on children's disabilities.
- Diane P explained that if any information was required with focusing on children to contact Kelly Williams Kelly director of children's services at KACL, Kelly could possibly help with this
- Councilor Smith noted that possible increased communication by the committee to use the City weekly advertisement in the Miner & News
- John informed the committee that he has changed positions (City Facilities Supervisor) with the City and will be working out of the recreation Centre, but will continue to be a resource but in the near future will not be taking notes/minutes as the City will have a person in place to do committee minutes
- Denise asked the committee that in light of John being at the Recreation Centre which is fully accessible and closer for Fred to get to, would the committee agree to change the location of the meetings.
- The committee agreed to change the location of the meetings to the Recreation Centre / Wellness Centre second floor meeting room.
- Denise concluded the meeting asking if anyone had anything further; nothing was brought forward by the members.

**Next Meeting June 13<sup>th</sup> 2012, Wellness Centre 18 Mike Richards Way**

10. **ADJOURN**

**Moved by:** Denise Miault that the May 9th 2012 meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee  
Be adjourned 5.38 p.m.

**CARRIED**

ADOPTED AS PRESENTED THIS 9th DAY OF May, 2012

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CHAIR