



ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Meeting No. 23 Held Thursday, March 27, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.
Held at South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre Board Room,
45th Street & Ramblewood, Wasaga Beach

ATTENDANCE: Fred Heyduk, Chair
Michelle Heyduk, Secretary
John Robbins, Vice Chair
Ruth Angel
Councillor Morley Bercovitch
Gerry Reinders, Manager, Facilities, Parks &
Recreation
Twyla Nicholson, Clerk

ABSENT: Kim Lattimore
Frank Nunnaro
Mark Ruttan
Sandra Schwartz

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Fred Heyduk, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – January 23, 2014

Moved by M. Heyduk, Seconded by M. Bercovitch
THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes of January 23, 2014
be accepted, as presented.
CARRIED

4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Staff/Council Update

Twyla Nicholson, Clerk:

- Election planning is underway; voting will be completely accessible using internet and phone
- Information will be sent out to voters in the tax and water bill newsletters, Town service counters, attendance at meetings and events; Chamber of Commerce, RecPlex, etc
- Mobi mats are displayed in the 2014 summer Recreation Guide
- Designated disabled parking spots is being planned on Beach Dr to access the mobi mats and in front of the splashpad, Bananas and Pedestrian Mall and Beach 2 picnic area

Gerry Reinders, Manager of Parks, Facilities and Recreation:

- A total accessible chest press has been installed at the YMCA; 1/3 of the Mayor's Challenge fundraising was donated toward the press – approximately \$3000; and additional \$1900 was donated; Committee thanked Gerry for his work on this project
- Bike lanes are being considered as a new concept on Hwy 26 and Beachwood Rive between Collingwood and Wasaga Beach
- Town applied to the County Trails Program connecting both municipalities
- Community Garden is now open for rentals; 51 plots have been reserved; 1 plot remaining; apple and pear trees are being planted; great project; Committee questioned if there will be another location planned in the future
- Town is considering accessible spots for staging in Festival Square

Council Representative - Councillor Morley Bercovitch

- Questioned if the bicycle route will be a circle route so that Beachwood Drive would be less dangerous as a safety issue; questioned if e-bikes would be allowed
- Briefed the Committee on recent Council decisions including new crosswalks by the Main Street bridge, efficiency rating of Wasaga Distribution; OPP detachment staffing; new Animal Control Officer; investments

b) Outreach Program in Primary Schools

- Update provided on the progress of the Program planning; dates set as June 2nd and June 3rd

Moved by M. Heyduk, Seconded by M. Bercovitch

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee accepts the dates of June 2 and 3, 2014 to have a delegation attend the primary schools in Wasaga Beach to provide accessibility sensitivity awareness.

CARRIED

- It was suggested that a letter be sent to parents before the project starts;
- Members asked if a video can be made of the Committee participating in sensitivity training to keep in the school library

c) HCN Request

Fred advised that the Healthy Community Network wants to work with the Accessibility Advisory Committee to designate Wasaga Beach as Age Friendly.

d) Delegation to Public Works re Specialized Transit

Fred discussed the benefits of having specialized transit specific for Wasaga Beach, similar to the Red Cross, Wheeltrans or Dial-A-Bus.

Moved by R. Angel, Seconded by J. Robbins

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee supports the need for specialized transit in Wasaga Beach and that a delegation be made to the Public Works Committee in May making a request that the Town consider specialized transit service.

CARRIED

Fred Heyduk, Chair, will attend the Public Works Committee meeting on May 1st at 8:30 a.m. to make the presentation to the Committee. Twyla will make the delegation request on behalf of the AAC.

e) Accessible Activity Court

There has been no feedback to date from Ontario Parks regarding the planning for an accessible activity court at the beach. The Clerk will follow up with John Fisher.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- a) Regional Accessibility Fair - The Simcoe County Accessibility Advisory Committee will be meeting on March 31st; there will be discussion regarding a fair in the summer of 2015 in Wasaga Beach; the AAC will participate in the event with sensitivity training.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is April 24, 2014.

2014 Meetings Scheduled: April 24/14; May 22/14; June 26/14; Sept 25/14; Oct 23/14; Nov 27/14

The Term ends on November 30th; members will be given an opportunity to reapply.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.