



ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Meeting No. 26 Held Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.
Held at Wasaga Beach Public Library Board Room
120 Glenwood Drive, Wasaga Beach

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

ABSENT: Frank Nunnaro

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 – May 22, 2014

Moved by M. Ruttan; Seconded by R. Angel

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes of May 22, 2014 be accepted, as presented.

CARRIED

4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Jackie Beaudin, CEO, Wasaga Beach Public Library re Accessibility Features – Public Library

Ms. Beaudin thanked the Committee for coming to the Library advising that they are considering making some changes to include accessibility features to the Library with a grant they have received. The Committee made some suggestions, as follows:

The Committee suggested the following changes:

- Red accessibility buttons should be on the left side as service dogs are trained to hit the buttons. Buttons should not be located under fire alarms so not to confuse service dogs.
- Heavy doors need push bars.
- Bathrooms need push button doors to open and lock

Gerry Reinders and Breaking Down Barriers can also help with suggestions and costing for grants/adjustments.

After the meeting, the Committee will do a walk through the Library for further suggestions.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None
6. **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS** – None
7. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) Staff/Council Update

Twyla Nicholson, Clerk:

- Current Term of Committees ends on November 30/14
- members reminded to apply before September 1st if interested in being reappointed to the Committee; after October 1st the Clerk's Office will solicit invitations for appointments from the public
- Appointments to Advisory Committees will be made at Council's Inaugural meeting December 2nd
- Election will be accessible by internet and phone
- Will communicate the importance of checking the voters' list
- Help Centres available for voters who require assistance
- Received the E.A. Danby Award Certificate of Merit for the mobi-mats
- Received the Thumbs Up Access and Awareness Award for the Committee's work i.e. mobi mats, reference manual, policies, etc, and was nominated for the Community Partner Awards for the Town's participation in Breaking Down Barrier events such as the Curling Bonspiel fundraising efforts
- Committee suggested hanging the award in Town Hall; Clerk will find a place to prominently hang it with the E.A. Danby Award

Gerry Reinders, Manager of Parks, Facilities and Recreation:

- Hired Trails Coordinator to implement electronic mapping of trails; sits on the Simcoe County Trails Committee
- Trails shown on Town website
- Hard copies of trails will be distributed around the community
- Accessibility challenges and landmarks on the trails will be posted
- A municipal stage has been ordered and will be used for Canada Day activities at Festival Square
- Beach Areas 1 and 2 have been beautified with flower beds; benches have been order; now fully accessible
- Accessible parking and walkway at the ball diamonds at the Sportspark
- Community Garden opened up on May long weekend; session on how to plant gardens; seed exchanges; 54 plots are gone; waiting list for more

Council Representative - Councillor Morley Bercovitch

- Congratulated the Committee on winning the awards; well deserved
- Talked about events – stand up paddle race; Canada Day
- Advised on some developments underway

b) Outreach Program to Primary Schools – Update (Sandra/Kim)

- Program went well; a lot of people volunteering
- Schools were impressed; asked the Committee to come back next year
- The children were quite taken with Fred and Trump
- CNIB and Fred were speakers each day
- Many entries for the drawing contest; winner was shy but enthusiastic and her drawing will be hung in the Library for a year
- Next year Worsley wants the entire school involved
- Consider partnering with Breaking Down Barriers
- Suggest being part of the Accessibility Fair for sensitively training or school field trip
- provide pictures to schools, Library and website
- job well done; Congratulations to Kim and Sandra for a successful program

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Regional Accessibility Fair – 2015; will wait until after the election to consider a date

- Fred will reapply for the Simcoe County Accessibility Advisory Committee
- 2015 Budget – September Agenda; will consider future projects; however, Committee agreed the \$2,000 was sufficient for 2015

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is September 25, 2014.

2014 Meetings Scheduled: Oct 23/14; Nov 20/14 (Lunch)

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.