



ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre Board Room
45th Street & Ramblewood, Wasaga Beach

ATTENDANCE: Fred Heyduk, Chair
Michelle Heyduk, Secretary
Councillor Joe Belanger (non-voting member)
Ruth Angel
Bruce Galbrait
Laura Borland, Deputy Clerk
John Robbins
Mark Ruttan

ABSENT: Frank Nunnaro
Kim Lattimore
Councilor Ron Ego

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Fred Heyduk, called the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST -None

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – November 30, 2017

MOVED BY Mark Ruttan
SECONDED BY Ruth Angel

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes of November 30, 2017 be accepted as presented/amended.

CARRIED.

4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Staff Update – Deputy Clerk

- Laura handed out copies of the Code of Conduct for Committee's review and sign-off.
- The Town planner is on vacation and will be at our next meeting to discuss Accessibility in regards to Planning.
- There is a 2nd key to the Town elevator located at the second floor Planning Desk to accommodate users.
- Wing-mats: need an update from Giuliano Duni (Manager of Beachfront Properties, Fleet and Purchasing).
- Committee asked regarding storage last year at Beach 1 for the mobi-chairs. Councillor Joe Belanger or Laura Borland will check into this for storage for the mobi-chairs at the beachfront. A suggestion was to ask for storage between the fire hall and the splash-pad or ask Skydive Wasaga.

b) Additional Updates and Information/Committee Discussion

- Councillor Belanger noted the operator for the Casino will make a decision for a location February/March. They will have one year to open after a decision is made. It would be a smaller sized Casino to attract name brand resorts and entertainment venues.
- Councillor Belanger also noted that there will be an audit prior to formalizing a partnership agreement with FRAM for the Downtown development.
- This is awful weather and battery operated scooters are not on the sidewalks but on the road instead; Committee noted the need for the sidewalks for accessibility. Laura will speak with Public Works about sidewalk maintenance but informed Committee that Public Works does have a system in place for such things and gets to them as soon as possible as roads and other areas are being done as well.
- Committee also noted a need for a "Dial A Bus" or a disabled taxi services for the disabled in Wasaga Beach. Laura will check on an outside cab/service that has accessibility. Committee discussed in the past to use a Sprinter van that was available. Committee might look at asking for a grant. Staff will get ridership numbers and more information from Public Works about previous reports on Accessible Transit and possible Grants.

- Committee also will look at the possibility of a strong fundraising campaign to get more Accessible transit options. Committee could also look into using sponsorships from charities in the Town. Laura advised the Committee that the Town currently allows in any Accessible Taxi Service without having to get a licence so as to accommodate those with accessible needs. As mentioned above Laura will look into obtaining information about accessible services, rider numbers, local cab company accessible outlooks, possible grants, etc. Fred will contact Sparrowhawk for prices on Accessible Vans. Mark will contact the owner of a Collingwood cab company to obtain some information as well on accessible services. Committee hopes to have a better plan in place for September 2018.
- Ruth Angel told us about the Mayor's dinner on December 15th, 2017. The Bus used for the event was free for pickup and there were over 250 families present.
- Committee noted that they would like to advertise for a new member on the committee as the position has been vacant for a while now.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING

Bring back a report from staff and information from Committee members regarding Accessible Transportation.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

February 1st, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair F. Heyduk adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.