



## ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.  
South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre Board Room  
45<sup>th</sup> Street & Ramblewood, Wasaga Beach

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**ATTENDANCE:** Mark Ruttan, Acting Chair  
Michelle Heyduk, Secretary  
Councillor Joe Belanger  
Ruth Angel  
Bruce Galbraith  
Laura Borland, Deputy Clerk  
Kim Lattimore  
Kathy Loosemore  
Chris Roos- Planning Department  
Kemi Apanisile-Planner II

**REGRETS:** Fred Heyduk  
John Robbins

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Acting Chair, Mark Ruttan, called the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

#### 2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST -None

#### 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING –February 1, 2018

MOVED BY Bruce Galbraith  
SECONDED BY Ruth Angel

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes of February 1, 2018 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

#### 4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS –

Mr. Kemi Apanisile is in attendance to discuss the role of Accessibility in Site Plans and the Planning Act process. Mr. Apanisile noted Wasaga Beach has over 20,000 people with a growth rate of 17.9%. Wasaga Beach is the second fastest growing municipality in Simcoe County. The AODA act is in place to ensure full Accessibility by 2025; currently with

75% compliance. We must plan under the act and mandate it to address accessibility in a variety of ways including Site Plan Review, planning subdivisions, etc.

Mr. Apanisile touched on aspects of the Downtown Development Master Plan and noted that walking paths, sidewalks, right of ways and curb lifts will all be revised to accommodate accessibility features.

Mr. Apanisile reviewed with Committee the current site plan for a River Road East project noting aspects like ensuring accessible parking close to the main entrances and ramps and being free to move around in the site. Mr. Apanisile advised Committee that staff are looking to work with developers regarding accessibility. Chris Roos, Director of Recreation, Events and Facilities, informed us that the Town of Wasaga Beach is governed by the growth plan and we are governed to grow and intensify from Downtown to 45<sup>th</sup> Street; but we need developers first. Accessibility is a priority and we must hold public meetings and open houses but the Accessibility Advisory Committee will be informed when planning processes are started. We must also circulate applications to different Committee meetings for review.

Mr. Apanisile advised Committee that planning staff can re-attend meetings in the future with any update or new site plans for review by Committee and to answer any further questions. Committee thanked Mr. Apanisile for attending.

Committee continued conversation in regards to accessible features and asked if all parking machines are accessible as some are hard to reach. Staff advised that some machines are older and as they are being replaced the Town is ensuring they meet the accessible aspects of the procurement policy.

Committee advised staff that they would like someone to look into speaking with the property owner of the lands where Wal-Mart is located as there are numerous times where disabled parking violations are occurring and there is no one to enforce these. Ms. Borland advised that staff will look into this matter and respond back to a future meeting.

Ms. Borland will talk to Mr. Duni regarding putting a grade on Beach One and will attend future meetings of the Beachfront Management Board, as required, on behalf of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

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

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### a) Staff Update –Clerk

#### **School Education Program Dates:**

Ms. Lattimore advised that the days have been selected for each schools program time:

St. Noel Chabanel - May 28 – morning (43 students)  
Worsley Elementary - May 28 – afternoon (76 students)  
Birchview Dunes - May 30 – (75 students)

Ms. Lattimore provided a verbal update on the status of this year’s in-school program noting the current volunteers and plans. She will provide Committee and Staff updates as the event moves closer. Mr. Ruttan will seek complimentary prizes from willing organizations to contribute. Ms. Borland will request donations from Town Hall and Mrs. Heyduk will request a donation from other willing local businesses. Presentations of winners from the school drawing contest will take place at the Library on June 2, 2018 at 10am after the school programs.

#### **GNE BOOTH**

Ms. Borland advised Committee she has booked the booth at the GNE on September 21-23, 2018. It has been confirmed and Committee is extending offers out to Collingwood to join if they would like.

#### **General Updates**

Updated Committee Terms of Reference have been officially passed at Council and were distributed to Committee.

Parking for Accessible spaces is free or charge Monday to Friday, and on weekends and holidays there is a fee or resident permit required. Ms. Borland will check into the possibility of spaces being free at all times.

Councillor Belanger was in attendance and informed Committee that baby boomers are retiring and going north so we need to look into more affordable housing and long term care and labor force accommodation.

Councillor Belanger also noted that Simcoe County School Board had a meeting regarding funds for a new High School. They are willing to work with the Town and with the community to help and select a site. Estimation of priority is 5-10 years. There will be an open house from 3 P.M. to 8 P.M. at the Recplex in the Oakview Room this evening.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

April 5, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.