



ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre Board Room
45th Street & Ramblewood, Wasaga Beach

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – March 8, 2018

Recommendation: That the Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes of March 8, 2018 be accepted, as presented.

4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Transit Study Update
- Wing mat extensions – G. Duni
- Request for new Mobi-Chair Storage location

6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Staff/Council Update

- Deputy Clerk :
 - Accessibility in Schools – Flyer Review/Approval – Updates
 - Disabled Parking Space Issues at beachfront –Verbal Update- reference to report from 2017 attached
 - Disabled Parking in Town Parking Lots – fees
 - Booth at the Great Northern Exhibition- follow up
- Councillor Update

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT



ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

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

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 45th 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.



The Accessibility Advisory Committee is holding a DRAWING CONTEST!

All grade 2 students are encouraged to create a picture about Accessibility. After the presentation, create and submit your artwork with an 8 x 10 picture to your teacher.

The winner's art will be hung in the Wasaga Beach Public Library for the year; Councillor Bonnie Smith will present the winner with an achievement award on June 2, 2018 at 10 am at the Wasaga Beach Public Library.



Don't Forget ...

After the in-school presentation, please submit your artwork by the deadline to your classroom teacher.

**Art Work Due:
Thursday, May 31st
at 12:00 noon**



For further information, please contact:

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Wasaga Beach Accessibility
Advisory Committee



▶ Presents

What is Accessibility?

**May 27 – June 2, 2018
National Access
Awareness Week**

**The Town of Wasaga Beach
Accessibility Advisory
Committee will be partnering
with the CNIB,
Breaking Down Barriers to
create a fun, hands-on,
educational presentation for
the grade two students at your
school.**

Who are we?

- ◆ The Wasaga Beach Accessibility Advisory Committee is an advisory body to advise and assist the Municipality in promoting, developing and facilitating a barrier-free community with a goal to improve the quality of life for those with disabilities.
- ◆ The AAC promotes accessibility within the community to increase education and awareness. This aim is achieved through the review of municipal policies, programs, services and identification, removal and prevention of barriers faced by persons with disabilities.
- ◆ The AAC's mandate also includes the development of a Multi-Year Accessibility Plan and Annual Progress Report to address the identification, removal and prevention of barriers to persons with disabilities.

What have we done?

- ◆ Created a Multi-Year Accessible Plan and submitted an Annual Progress Report to Town Council to address the identification, removal and prevention of barriers to persons with disabilities.



- ◆ The Town of Wasaga Beach is fully compliant with the AODA's Accessible Standards, offering accessible customer service and treating all customers equitably, with respect and dignity.
- ◆ The Town of Wasaga Beach ensures accessibility is considered by incorporating accessibility design, criteria and features in purchases and acquisitions.
- ◆ Fully accessible facilities, programs and services in the Town of Wasaga Beach.
- ◆ Town transit service fully accessible.
- ◆ Site audits on all municipal facilities.
- ◆ New standards for disabled parking spaces.
- ◆ Review of proposed site plans to ensure developments are accessible.
- ◆ Accessibility training on Customer Service, sensitivity awareness, Integrated Accessibility Standards and the Human Rights Code provided to all staff and volunteers.
- ◆ The Town is committed to create, provide and receive information in ways that are accessible to everyone; accessible formats or communication supports provided upon request.
- ◆ Town's website and web content is accessible.
- ◆ Makes buildings and public spaces accessible to everyone meeting the criteria for the Design of Public Spaces, including parks, trails, picnic areas, beaches, playgrounds, parking lots.

- ◆ Initiated the Mobi-Mat installation at Beach 2 and 5 to create fully accessible beaches in Wasaga Beach.
- ◆ All Terrain wheel chair available at MNR Park Office & Nancy Island.
- ◆ Mobi-Chairs will be available at the MNR park office.

Did You Know?

A "Disability" may involve:

- ◆ Physical impairment
- ◆ Sensory impairment
- ◆ Cognitive or intellectual impairment
- ◆ Mental or development disorder
- ◆ Various types of chronic diseases

People with disabilities travel, swim at the beach, go to school, shop and do business just like everyone else.



Town of Wasaga Beach Council Commitment

The Town of Wasaga Beach is committed to developing, implementing, maintaining, and enhancing accessibility for all residents with disabilities, in a manner that:

- ◆ Respects the individuals' dignity and independence;
- ◆ Provides an equal opportunity to utilize, and benefit from, the Town's facilities, goods and services; and
- ◆ Allows persons with disabilities to benefit from the same facilities, goods and services at the same time, and location, as all other residents.

STAFF REPORT



TO: General Government Section of Coordinated Committee
FROM: Andrea D. Fay, Director of Legislative Services Clerk
SUBJECT: Accessibility Advisory Committee – Permit Parking Request
DATE: July 20, 2017

RECOMMENDATION

That the General Government Committee recommend to Council that the resident parking pass allow for parking at the on-street barrier free parking spaces along Beach Drive for those residents that possess a valid accessible parking permit;

And further that this new option apply on weekdays only, excluding statutory holidays, starting in 2018.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) is to provide advice to Council, to act as a liaison with other agencies and individuals on physical, architectural, informational, communication, technological and attitudinal barriers, to develop policies and/or practices to assist those with disabilities in participating in public life.

ANALYSIS:

The AAC during their June 16, 2017, meeting discussed the resident parking pass. During the discussion the Committee proposed the addition of on-street barrier free parking spaces along Beach Drive during weekdays (statutory holidays excluded) starting in 2018. The Committee members felt this change would be beneficial due to the limited number of barrier free spaces within the municipal lots located along Beach Drive. The remaining non-barrier free spaces within the lots are not always large enough to accommodate accessible vehicles.

Further to the above the AAC passed the following motion during their June 16, 2017, meeting:

That the resident parking pass include barrier free parking on Beach Drive during weekdays (statutory holidays excluded).

Although there are four municipal parking lots located in close proximity to Beach Drive, Playland Park Square and the Spruce Street Lot are the two closest for accessing the beach and the majority of beachfront stores. Currently, there are 11 barrier free spaces located within the Playland Park Square and 258 regular spaces. The Spruce Street lot contains 4 barrier free spaces and 164 regular spaces. The total number of regular spaces within the two lots is 422 compared to only 15 barrier free

spaces. It is also noted that Playland Park Square is often not available for parking due to events being held in the space. Should General Government Section and Council agree with the recommendation, there would be an additional 10 barrier free spaces available to residents during weekdays along Beach Drive.

The Writer met with the Senior Enforcement Officer/Property Standards and it was noted that additional signage would be required to explain the new process. In addition there is concern that this new process may cause some confusion to residents that do not possess a valid disabled permit. Staff are hopeful that the confusion can be mitigated through the resident parking pass communication campaign.

CONCLUSION:

The AAC is recommending that due to the limited number of barrier free parking spaces contained within the four municipal parking lots along Beach Drive, in particular the Spruce Street Lot and Playland Parks Square, the resident parking pass program should be expanded starting in 2018 to include the 11 on street barrier free spaces along Beach Drive weekdays only (excluding statutory holidays).

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea D. Fay
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk