



## ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

**Meeting No. 17 Held Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.  
Held at South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre Board Room,  
45<sup>th</sup> Street & Ramblewood. Wasaga Beach**

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**ATTENDANCE:** John Robbins, Vice Chair – Acting as Chair  
Michelle Heyduk, Secretary  
Ruth Angel  
Kim Lattimore  
Frank Nunnaro  
Mark Ruttan  
Councillor Morley Bercovitch  
Twyla Nicholson, Clerk

**REGRETS:** Fred Heyduk, Chair  
Kelly Robertson  
Gerry Reinders, Manager, Facilities, Parks &  
Recreation

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

John Robbins, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

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

#### **3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – March 28, 2013**

John Robbins asked that the minutes be corrected; he will not be attending the May 22<sup>nd</sup> Accessibility Forum.

Moved by F. Nunnaro; Seconded by F. Nunnaro

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes of March 28, 2013 be accepted, as amended.

CARRIED

#### **4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - None**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – None**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Staff/Council Update**

**i) Twyla Nicholson, Clerk**

- Kelly Robertson resigned due to other commitments; the vacancy will be advertised.
- At its meeting of April 23/13, Council approved internet/phone voting for the 2014 Municipal Election. This will provide a completely accessible election for all voters in Wasaga Beach. Brief discussion with the Committee on how internet voting works. The Committee supported internet/phone voting and was pleased that the election will be accessible to all voters.
- A memo has been distributed to Departments regarding the 2013 Integrated Accessibility Standards and Design of Public Spaces. Clerk noted that there will be a requirement that all new designs of parks, trails, etc, will need consultation with the AAC. The Clerk will work on a procedure for this. Clerk is working on implementing the 2013 requirements, including training for all staff, volunteers and Elected Officials and procedures/policy to provide accessible documents.
- At its meeting of April 23/13, Council approved the purchase of 10 Mobi-Mats and a roller from DMS, for delivery by May 31<sup>st</sup>. An official ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for July 11<sup>th</sup> at Beach Area 2.

- Invitations have been sent to Lieutenant Governor David Onley, the Minister of Natural Resources, Dr. Kellie Leitch, MP, Jim Wilson, MPP, Mayor and Council, John Fisher and Mark Crowe. Invitations will also be sent to service/social groups to attend. Ontario Parks will roll out/roll up, maintain and store the mats.
  - The Clerk suggested that if the Committee knows of or hears of anyone that wishes to join the volunteer group to help maintain the mats (sweep off the sand) throughout the season, to contact John Fisher at Ontario Parks as he is compiling a group of volunteers. The AAC members may also be interested in volunteering. Ontario Parks proposes to install the mats at Beach Area 2, 4, and 5; however, will monitor use to locate them at the beaches with higher usage of the mats. Designated parking will be available near the entrance to the mats. Signage will be installed by Ontario Parks.
- ii) Gerry Reinders, Manager of Parks, Facilities and Recreation – absent
- iii) Councillor Morley Bercovitch
- First quarter financial report has been received; the Town is in good financial position; budgets are complete by year end
  - Voting in 2014 will be by internet/phone and will be a learning year; following years should see people more comfortable with the new system
  - New Town parking lot located at the end of 45<sup>th</sup> Street/Park 4 will require a pass be purchased; parking will be designated near the entrance for the mats; signage will be install by Ontario Parks
  - Councillor Bercovitch thanked Twyla for pursuing the grant for the mobi mats; this will be the first and only accessible beach in Canada

**b) Portable Accessible Pathways- update/Maintenance/Official Opening – Discussed under Clerk’s Report**

**c) Accessibility Directorate of Ontario Accessibility Forum – for Committee members**

- Members to consider attendance for May 22<sup>nd</sup> in Toronto; Fred will not be able to attend due to his knee surgery

**d) Proposed Activity Court - update**

John Fisher remains fully in support of advancing the proposed activity court project through the Ontario Parks planning process so that they can be in a position over the next couple of years to install it. The following distinct components were suggested by John Fisher for consideration:

1. Pursue planning and EA approvals as well as an enabling statements in revised park management plan (Park);
2. Develop a formal proposal and design concept (Committee);
3. Based on design principle, invite detailed designs from architectural students/schools or local firms if appropriate - there may be considerable interest given unique subject matter;
4. Seek various funding sources to finance the development through the Town/Park. We can discuss the most practical option for pursuing this at an appropriate time.
5. Implement and maintain.

Committee will consider a more formal design concept. Clerk will look into any funding available for this type of project.

**8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

**a) Regional Accessibility Fair**

The Clerk will keep the Committee updated on any upcoming activities.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Kim asked if there are people used to provide sign language interpretation at Council meetings. The Clerk advised that to date there have been no requests for sign language interpreters, indicating that it would be costly to provide at every meeting; however, if there are individuals who require accommodation, the Clerk's Office should be contacted. The Town will look at the best options in accommodating these requests when received. It was noted that the Council meetings are televised by Rogers TV and aired on Wednesday nights.

The Committee indicated that the Town website needs updating. The Clerk advised that the website is in the process of a complete overhaul to ensure it's accessible.

### **9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, May 23, 2013

*Future meetings scheduled 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of month at 9:30 a.m.:*

*June 27/13*

### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.