



ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**Meeting No. 3 Held Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.
South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre Board Room
45th Street & Ramblewood, Wasaga Beach**

ATTENDANCE: Fred Heyduk, Chair
John Robbins, Vice Chair
Andrea Abbott-Kokosin
Ruth Angel
Mark Ruttan
Councillor Morley Bercovich
Twyla Nicholson, Clerk

REGRETS: Kelly Robertson
Michelle Heyduk
Frank Nunnaro
Gerry Reinders, Manager Facilities, Parks &
Recreation

1. CALL TO ORDER

Fred Heyduk, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – March 24, 2011

Moved by M. Ruttan, Seconded by J. Robbins

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes of March 24, 2011 be accepted and adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Wayne Yuristy, Chair, Collingwood Accessibility Advisory Committee re Accessibility Fair

- Mr. Yuristy provided information on the Collingwood Accessibility Fair noting that they will only be securing one booth at the Collingwood Fair this year
- He encouraged the AAC to hold a fair in Wasaga Beach on the off years from Collingwood as a trade off; he shared Collingwood’s lessons learned
- A lot of people attended the fair; but need something to keep their attention, such as interactive displays for example Breaking Down Barriers sensitivity activities vs only handing out brochures
- Community Service groups, food vendors and balloons a good idea; but need something more to engage children
- Explore options of bussing seniors to the fair; use student volunteer hours to participate – good learning experience
- Plan event well in advance to ensure attendance at official opening of VIPs, government officials ie Mayor, Minister of Community and Social Services, MPP, MP
- Plan for draws for gifts, explore sponsorship opportunities, donations, fundraising
- Explore entertainment options – balloon, interactive activities, formal entertainment, guide dog trainer, etc
- Plan a central staging area for announcements, draws, speeches, etc
- Plan for inclement weather conditions, ie the use of weather resistant tents
- If budget permits, use colored t-shirts/vests for identifying volunteers/workers/information staff
- Collingwood held its event on the street in front of Town Hall at a cost of \$400
- Collingwood will participate in future Wasaga Beach fairs
- Fred thanked Wayne for attending and sharing his experiences

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Staff/Council Update

- No update from the Clerk, at this time.

- Councillor Morley Bercovich shared his experience from a trip to Fort Myers Beach that he thought Wasaga Beach could use as an example of accessible beach accesses
- Councillor Bercovich made a presentation to John Fisher, MNR and the Healthy Community Network (HCN)
- Fred noted that he also discussed the issue with the HCN
- Councillor Bercovich and Fred will work together to discuss a partnership with the MNR and the Town for better accessible accesses to the beach
- Fred suggested an increase of parking spots for persons with disabilities

b) 2011 Annual Accessibility Plan Update

- Committee reviewed the Plan and had no further comments or changes; suggestion to include the Accessibility Fair as a future project, Committee agreed; Clerk will report to the May 25th Development Committee for a recommendation to Council for approval

Moved by R. Angel, Seconded by A. Abbott-Kokosin
THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends to Council that it approve and adopt the 2011 Annual Accessibility Plan.

CARRIED

c) Invitation to AAC Regional Forums

- Clerk advised that the AAC has a \$1,000 in the budget for professional development opportunities
- Fred and John expressed an interest in attending
- Andrea noted that the Simcoe County Independent Living Services forum will be held in Barrie in the fall

Moved by M. Bercovich, Seconded by A. Abbott-Kokosin
THAT Fred Heyduk and John Robbins attend the AAC Regional Forum in Toronto on June 16, 2011.

CARRIED

d) Wasaga Beach Accessibility Fair

- Clerk updated the Committee on Accessibility Fairs at the City of Barrie and the County of Simcoe on the various activities that are planned
- National Access Awareness Week is May 29th to June 4th, 2011
- Given the extent of planning and organization needed, a budget and Council approval required, the Committee agreed to recommend to Council that the Fair be held in 2012
- Councillor Bercovich suggested attending other fairs in the area over the next year
- Committee agreed that it would be better to aim for 2012 so it can be done right and during the National Access Awareness Week 2012
- Committee will research and gather information; Clerk will draft a report to the Development Committee for consideration and a recommendation to Council
- Committee will draft a budget for 2012; Clerk advised that the 2012 budget deliberations will begin in September; therefore, she will need the information by August 2011
- The Clerk suggested that the Committee consider making a presentation this year to the Chamber of Commerce/business community to bring attention to the private sector businesses, non-profit organizations and service providers of the mandated requirement to comply with the *Ontarians with Disabilities Act* Customer Service Standard by January 1, 2012.
- Clerk will contact Chamber to explore this opportunity further and report back to the Chair. The Committee agreed that Fred and Andrea could make the presentation.
- Clerk suggested that Council be asked to proclaim National Access Awareness Week May 29th to June 4th, 2011

Moved by M. Ruttan, Seconded by R. Angel

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends to Council that Wasaga Beach host an Accessibility Awareness Day during the National Access Awareness Week 2012.

CARRIED

Moved by J. Robbins, Seconded by M. Bercovich

THAT the AAC, represented by Fred Heyduk and Andrea Abbott-Kokosin make a presentation to the Chamber of Commerce/business community to bring attention to the private sector businesses, non-profit organizations and service providers of the mandated requirement to comply with the *Ontarians with Disabilities Act* Customer Service Standard by January 1, 2012.

CARRIED

Moved by J. Robbins, Seconded by R. Angel

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend to Council that it proclaim National Access Awareness Week in Wasaga Beach as May 29th to June 4th, 2011.

CARRIED

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Accessibility Awareness Day/Fair
- Update on Meeting with John Fisher, MNR re Beach Access
- The Chair asked the Clerk to draft the Agenda for May as the Committee Secretary is unavailable.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

May 26, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre Board Room - 2nd Floor, 45th Street & Ramblewood

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.