



ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**Meeting No. 7 Held Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.
Held at South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre Board Room,
45th Street & Ramblewood. Wasaga Beach**

ATTENDANCE: John Robbins, Vice Chair
Ruth Angel
Andrea-Abbott Kokosin
Frank Nunnaro
Mark Ruttan
Kelly Robertson
Councillor Morley Bercovitch
Twyla Nicholson, Clerk

REGRETS: Gerry Reinders, Manager Facilities, Parks & Recreation

ON PHONE: Fred Heyduk, Chair
Michelle Heyduk, Secretary

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 – November 24, 2011

Moved by M. Ruttan, Seconded by J. Robertson
That the Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes of November 24,
2011 be accepted and adopted, as presented.
CARRIED

4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Community Health Centre Ramp – March/Oct 2012 ** Clerk will update
- Rotary Meeting Feedback on Mobi-Mats ** Clerk will update
- New Fire Hall Plan Review for Accessibility ** Clerk will update

6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Staff/Council Update

- Clerk updated Committee on the following:
 - Health Centre ramp:
 - Building and Planning Departments have followed up with owner/developer to ensure that the ramp complies
 - Frank will contact CBO to discuss and provide suggestions for the slope of the ramp
 - Integrated Accessibility Standards:
 - Town met compliance of requirements for January 1/12 which included emergency plans and public safety information provided in accessible formats; workplace emergency response plans; taxi and transit requirements
 - Staff are working on requirements for January 1/13 to include policies, procedures, website, procurement, transit, library, accessible formats, employment, and multi year accessibility plan
 - Accessibility Committee Review of Policies/Procedures/Plan
 - Draft policies/procedures from staff will be forwarded to the AAC for review

- Site Plans (i.e. Fire Hall) are reviewed by the CAO including accessibility issues
 - Committee members expressed an interest in reviewing site plans and making site visits;
 - Councillor Bercovitch offered to discussed with the CAO
- MobiMats
 - Ontario Parks (John Fisher) has agreed to install the MobiMats on the beach/put away, store, and maintain MobiMats
 - Clerk discussed with CAO a mechanism to manage the initiative and accept fundraising for the mats
 - A private business and service club have offered to sponsor mats
 - Suggestion to establish a sub-committee to coordinate the project, to promote the project and solicit interest and obtain letters of commitment from organizations and external sources that wish to donate toward the mats
 - With appropriate funding is determined and confirmed, AAC will report to the Development Committee recommending that the MobiMats be purchased for the Beach and that an increase in budget to cover expenses to be offset by committed funding
 - With Council's support, an agreement will be drafted with the Ontario Parks for its commitment

Moved by M. Ruttan, Seconded by M. Bercovitch
THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends supporting the purchase and installation of MobiMat portable access pathways on to the beach, in cooperation with the Ontario Parks; and further that the Accessibility Committee coordinate the project including obtaining a commitment for funding.

CARRIED

Moved by K. Robertson, Seconded by J. Robbins

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee establishes a sub-committee to coordinate the MobiMat initiative; and further appoint Fred Heyduk, Morley Bercovitch and Mark Ruttan to the sub committee.

CARRIED

- The sub committee will make presentations to various groups in the community for awareness and promotion of the MobiMats, including service clubs, and the Development Committee
 - Kelly offered to help after May
 - Clerk to provide a draft letter of funding commitment for the Committee
- Regional Accessibility Fair Participation
 - The County of Simcoe has advised that other municipalities in the region are interested in participating and coordinating a Regional Accessibility Fair asking if Wasaga Beach was interested in joining them
 - The AAC expressed an interest in participating; Clerk will advise the County to include Wasaga Beach

Moved by F. Nunnaro, Seconded by A. Abbott Kokosin

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee expresses its interest in participate in a Regional Accessibility Fair.

CARRIED

- Manager of Facilities, Parks and Recreation – None
- Council – Councillor Morley Bercovitch
 - Expressed concern with the difficulty in hearing speakers in the Classroom during meetings

- Noted that building permits have increased; large amount of development still ongoing including commercial/tourism development
- Affordable housing for seniors needed

b) We Assist Program

- Fred commented that he has observed the We Assist Program while he's in Florida; staff are trained to assist
- Fred will approach grocery stores in the Beach when he returns to see if there is interest in participating in this program

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- 2012/Regional Accessibility Fair
- We Assist Program (Fred)
- County garbage pickup accommodation for people with disabilities (Fred)
- Accessible designated areas on the beach (Frank); presentation by Frank; presentation with MNR (John Fisher)

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

March 22, 2012 @ 9:30 a.m. – Fred and Michelle will be away - John will Chair

South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre Board Room
45th Street & Ramblewood, Wasaga Beach

Future meetings scheduled 4th Thursday of month at 9:30 a.m.:

April 26/12; May 24/12; June 21/12; September 27/12; October 25/12; November 22/12

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.