



ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Meeting No. 4 Held Thursday, June 2, 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
Michelle Heyduk, Secretary
Ruth Angel
Kelly Robertson
Frank Nunnaro
Councillor Morley Bercovich
Twyla Nicholson, Clerk
Gerry Reinders, Manager Facilities, Parks &
Recreation

John Fisher, Ontario Parks

REGRETS: Andrea Abbott-Kokosin
Mark Ruttan

1. CALL TO ORDER

Fred Heyduk, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – April 28, 2011

Moved by M. Bercovich, Seconded by R. Angel

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes of April 28, 2011 be accepted and adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

John Robbins expressed an interest in being part of the presentation to businesses regarding preparation for compliance with the Accessible Customer Service standard.

4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mr. John Fisher, Ontario Parks Superintendent, re Accessible Beaches - Mobi-Mats

- A good meeting and discussion was held at Park Office with John Fisher, Fred Heyduk and Morley Bercovich re: beach accessibility. Morley showed us features used in Florida.
- Need is there on an experimental roll out basis. Suggestion to pick a beach and host a fundraiser for this roll out mat.
- 33 ft cost \$2199 and 50 feet cost \$4000 with possibility of attaching a longer width of 60 inches and 78 inches
- Roll out in the fall with a truck and arrange for someone to perform maintenance on it.
- It was suggested to purchase a mat for May 24, 2012 for Accessibility Week for possibly Beach 2. We can talk to students or the Youth Group re: maintenance.
- It was suggested to form a small committee to work with John and Fred re: rolling mat. It was discussed to either go to request funding from the Town or present this to service groups to donate monies to this project. It was suggested that the community groups be approached for donations or fundraising be done before approaching the Town for funding.

Moved by J. Robbins, Seconded by F. Heyduk

THAT the Accessibility Committee supported, in principle, that the MNR purchasing a mobi-mat to be installed at the beach to promote accessible beaches.

CARRIED

- The MNR would own the mats and maintenance; the Accessibility Committee could assist the MNR, if required.

- John informed the Committee that a beach wheelchair was purchased by the Town for \$3000. Awareness is growing and more demand for these chairs.
- Morley suggested that promote the mobi-mat as soon as possible, suggesting seeking out the interest of service clubs and business organizations for next year perhaps a demonstration during the proposed Accessibility Fair. Fred H. suggested the media be invited.
- Fred and Morley will meet with John to discuss further. John will keep members updated via email and will send pictures of the mats. The MNR is excited by the potential project; however, maintenance will be an issue.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Staff/Council Updates

**Staff – Clerk & Manager of Facilities, Parks and Recreation
Council – Councillor Morley Bercovich**

- Twyla advised that Council proclaimed May 29th to June 4th as Accessibility Week.
- Fred reported on a request to attend the TD Bank accessibility training for bank customers
- Councillor Bercovich will be attending sensitivity training on June 10th at 11:00 a.m. at Stonebridge. Frank Nunnaro and John Robbins were invited to attend also.
- Twyla contacted Trudy at the Chamber of Commerce regarding contact names groups to make a presentation for the upcoming compliance requirements for the Accessible Customer Service standard. Presentations are to inform the organization/businesses that are required to comply January 1, 2012.
- John Robbins will follow up with the Chamber.

b) Update on Meeting with John Fisher, MNR, re Beach Access

Refer to earlier delegation from John Fisher.

c) Wasaga Beach Accessibility Awareness Fair – Roles and Responsibilities/Discussion

- It was suggested that Committee members attend Fairs in the region in July and August; bring back the information and committee will discuss at the September meeting and plan for 2012.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- 2012 Budget
- Accessibility Awareness Day/Fair 2012

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 15, 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 10:30 a.m.