



## ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

**Meeting No. 19 Held Thursday, June 27, 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:** Fred Heyduk, Chair  
John Robbins, Vice Chair  
Michelle Heyduk, Secretary  
Ruth Angel  
Kim Lattimore  
Frank Nunnaro  
Mark Ruttan  
Councillor Morley Bercovitch  
Twyla Nicholson, Clerk

**REGRETS:** Gerry Reinders, Manager, Facilities, Parks & Recreation

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

The Chair, Fred Heyduk, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

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

#### **3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – May 23, 2013**

Moved by J. Robbins, Seconded by M. Bercovitch

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes of May 23, 2013 be accepted, as amended.

CARRIED

#### **4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

- a) John Fisher, Ontario Parks regarding an update on mobi-mat installation and accessible activity par

- John was unable to attend the meeting; however, Fred and Twyla provided the Committee with an update.
- John Fisher, Twyla, Fred and Gerry did a site visit of Beach Areas 1 to 6. It was agreed that the mats would be located at Beach Areas 2 and 5. Locations were identified on the basis of physical constraints (slope of fore dune), accessibility standards, access to washrooms, and anticipated visitor demand. At both areas there will be accessible washrooms and designated parking. The mats will run approximately 250' (5 mats) at each beach. Ontario Parks will maintain hard packed sand at the end of the mats to enable access into the water for wheelchairs, scooters, etc.
- It was suggested that “poop and scoop” bags be attached lower on poles for people with disabilities.
- Ontario Parks will be creating and installing signage, to designated beach access.
- With the Federal Enabling Accessibility Fund grant of \$36,000 and an additional \$12,000 from Stonebridge Town Centre, and in-kind donation to manage the mats by Ontario Parks, it will be possible to make two (2) beaches fully accessible.

#### Activity Court:

- Ontario Parks will pursue planning and EA approvals as well as include enabling statements in the revised park management plan.
- The AAC will develop a formal proposal and design concept. Twyla has requested GIS to draft the concept with an aerial view of the Park area to provide to Ontario Parks. Frank agreed to be the main contact and site on a sub-committee as he a strong interested and initiated the project.
- Based on design principle, invite detailed designs from architectural students/schools or local firms if appropriate – there may be considerable interest in given the unique subject matter.
- Town staff will seek various funding sources to finance the development.

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – None**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Staff/Council Update**

- Twyla Nicholson, Clerk
  - The Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the mobi-mats is scheduled for July 11, 2013. Due to other commitments, The Hon. David Onley will not be attending; however, will consider a private visit in the future as he is very interested in using the mats. Dr. Kelly Leitch, MP, will attend on behalf of the Federal Government to make the funding announcement. Several others are planning to attend which include, the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario, Ministry of Natural Resources Minister's Office, MPP, Mayor/Warden, Councillors, Ontario Parks staff, Town staff and media. The AAC members committed on attending. Morley was asked to speak on behalf of the AAC and the project.

Moved by M. Heyduk, Seconded by K. Lattimore  
THAT Councillor Morley Bercovitch speaks on behalf of  
the Accessibility Advisory Committee at the Mobi Mat  
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

**CARRIED**

- It was suggested that the AccessOn mobility magazine may be interested in attending. The Committee suggested highlighting that Wasaga Beach is a Blue Flag Beach.
- Frank expressed concern with potential damage to the mats. It was noted that it is possible; however, the Committee agreed that the benefits of the providing the mats far outweigh the risk of damage; it was noted that the Town and Ontario Parks has property insurance.

- The Clerk thanked the Committee members for their commitment and attending every meeting. The members' strong dedication to the Committee made the mobi-mat initiative and future initiatives possible.
- It was suggested that promotional advertising may be possible for Discover Ontario.
- In discussions with John Fisher and Gerry Reinders, as mandated by the Accessibility Standards for the Design of Public the AAC is to be consulted for any new trails or accessible features; it was suggested that the members be prepared for future invitations to make site visits
- It was suggested that the AAC members keep an eye out and get involved in opportunities for public input into Open Houses/Public Meetings for various community projects, such as the Beachfront developments and Affordable Housing strategy to ensure that accessibility matters are considered.
- Twyla advised that it was confirmed by Public Works that audible lights are installed and working and as lights will be budgeted to be replaced with audible lights when required.
- Information will be distributed on the September SCAN (Simcoe County Accessibility Network) meeting should members wish to attend.
- Gerry Reinders, Manager of Parks, Facilities and Recreation – absent
- Council Representative - Councillor Morley Bercovitch
  - Noted various events happening including Jazz in the Park, Wasaga Under Siege, Corvette Weekend, water competitions and Canada Day.

- Noted statistics on transit fares and the Collingwood link, Knox Rd E water and sewer servicing, Housing Strategy and beachfront activity.
- In response to a concern from the AAC, advised that there are 11 audible street lights out of 17.

## **8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

- Regional Accessibility Fair

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

Thursday, September 26, 2013

The Chair asked members to forward any information or topics to him or the Clerk that they wish to discuss on future Agendas.

*Future Meetings Scheduled: October 24/13; November 28/13 (Swiss Chalet at noon)*

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

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