



ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Meeting No. 2 Held Monday, March 24, 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
Andrea-Abbott Kokosin
Ruth Angel
Frank Nunnaro
Kelly Robertson
Mark Ruttan
Twyla Nicholson, Clerk
Gerry Reinders, Manager Facilities, Parks & Recreation

REGRETS: Councillor Morley Bercovich

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

- Frank thanked John for securing a meeting place to hold the AAC meetings.
- John will check on the availability of the room for the fourth Thursday of the month.
- The Committee agreed that 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. would be a good time for the meetings.
- The September meeting will be rescheduled to September 15th.
- Due to Council recess there will be no meetings in July, August or December, unless necessary.
- Due to winter vacations, there will be no meetings in January.
- Andrea will take the minutes for the April 28th meeting as Michelle will be away with other commitments.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – February 14, 2011

Moved by A. Abbott-Kokosin, Seconded by M. Ruttan
 That the Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes of February 14, 2011 be accepted and adopted, as presented.
CARRIED

4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Staff/Council Update

- Twyla reported that Wasaga Beach entered two teams in the Breaking Down Barriers Curling Bonspiel. Wasaga Beach raised two thirds of the total funds raised as well with the top fundraiser.
- Gerry will report later on the Agenda
- No Council update.

b) 2011 Annual Accessibility Plan Update

Twyla explained the process to update the Annual Plan which is approved by Council every year. The Accessibility Plan is to address the identification, removal and prevention of barriers to persons with disabilities. Staff updates the Plan as to the Committee's previous year's accomplishments and future accessibility projects, for Committee's review and changes/approval. Members are to review the Plan and prepare to discuss it at its April 28th meeting, for approval by Council in May.

c) Accessibility Fair

The Chair asked for one member to organize an Accessibility Fair in Wasaga Beach, every other year from the Town of Collingwood. In answer to a question from a member, part of the Committee's mandate is to work with community interest groups to promote public education and awareness of issues pertaining to accessibility for persons with disabilities; the Committee agreed that it was a good idea to organize an Accessibility Fair which would help in this regard. It was further suggested requesting that Council proclaim a "Disability Week" in Wasaga Beach. It was noted that by January 2012, the private sector must comply with the Accessible Customer Service standard as well as the public sector's compliance with the other four standards that will be released in 2011. It was felt that the Accessibility Fair would be a good avenue to educate the public and suggested it be held during the Marketplace or Jazz in the Park.

The Committee as a whole agreed to organize the event and individual members will take on a role such as researching its options to hold the Accessibility Fair, i.e. dates, location, vendors, speakers, etc. Once the information is gathered and a plan of action is prepared, the Clerk will report to the Development Committee for a recommendation for approval to hold the Accessibility Fair in Wasaga Beach.

- Frank will contact vendors regarding wheelchairs and vans;
- Michelle will arrange the paperwork needed such as booths, exhibitors, and take minutes;
- John offered to help;
- Andrea will contact the Chair of the Collingwood Accessibility Committee for a presentation on April 28th on what they do i.e. exhibitors
- Gerry will look into possible dates to hold the Fair
- Twyla will contact other municipalities such as Barrie and the County of Simcoe for information on its Accessibility Fairs

It was noted that there are usually 15 – 20 exhibitors at the Fair. Advertising can be done through the Accessibility webpage on the Town's website. Members questioned if they should attend the County's Fair in October. It was suggested that sensitivity training for the public to try could be arranged as an exhibitor at the Fair. Discussion ensued regarding Breaking Down Barriers training services.

Frank expressed a concern that the ramp at the Health Centre has not been fixed yet. The Clerk advised that the Chief Building Official has notified the developer as the development is still under the Site Plan Agreement with the Town.

Gerry updated the group on his role on the Committee; his Department oversees the maintenance of the Town facilities. The Youth Centre is accessible to everyone and any renovations being done will meet accessible standards. All the playgrounds are accessible as the structures have met the standards. If you become aware of barriers, please advise Gerry. Gerry further discussed the need for new elevators at Town Hall; however, the cost is prohibitive at this time, approximately \$100,000; however, it will remain on the list as future projects that need to be done.

Mark suggested advertising the fair through the Mayor's report or Town newsletter to include preparation for the private sector to be in compliance with the Accessible Customer Service standard by January 2012. Twyla offered to draft something for the Town newsletter that goes out with the tax and water billings.

The group discussed the availability of Y.M.C.A. memberships through being a member of Breaking Down Barriers.

Comments regarding the Accessibility Plan can be emailed to Fred. Contact information for members is on Page 20 of the Plan.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Review Annual Accessibility Plan – April 28th
- Presentation by Chair of Collingwood's Accessibility Committee re Accessibility Fair – April 28th

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

April 28, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre Board Room - 2nd Floor, 45th Street & Ramblewood

- Fred will bring coffee and donuts to the next meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.