



ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**Meeting No. 18 Held Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.
Held at 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
Kim Lattimore
Mark Ruttan
Councillor Morley Bercovitch
Twyla Nicholson, Clerk

REGRETS: 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.

The Committee provided consensus to add the following items to the Agenda:

- b) Accessibility Forum – Kim’s update
- c) Audible signals
- d) E3 – request for mobi-mats at Beach 3
- e) November AAC meeting - Luncheon

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – April 25, 2013

Correction made to the mover and seconder

Moved by J. Robbins; Seconded by M. Ruttan

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes of April 25, 2013 be accepted, as amended.

CARRIED

4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - None**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None****6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – None****7. NEW BUSINESS****a) Staff/Council Update****i) Twyla Nicholson, Clerk**

- working on the Integrated Accessibility Standards training
- Committee suggested the best way would be to train everyone the first time as a large group
- Committee suggested and gave consensus to use Breaking Down Barriers to facilitate the training similar to the 2010 Customer Service training
- Training will be scheduled for September/October and will cover all standards – employment, communication, transportation, Design of Public Spaces, and the Human Rights Code
- Drafting procedures/policies for providing documents in an accessible format, including website content
- All requirements are to be met by December 31, 2013
- Beginning January 2013, the Town is required to meet the accessibility requirements of the Design of Public Spaces when constructing and maintaining new or redeveloped elements of public spaces including:
 - Recreational trails and beach access routes

- Outdoor eating areas for public use
- Outdoor play spaces such as playgrounds
- Exterior paths of travel such as walkways across parks or between buildings
- Accessible on and off street parking
- Service counters and waiting areas
- Developers will be required to comply at a later date; however, it would be prudent to educate them now as they make application to the Town
- Clerk and Councillor Bercovitch will be attending the Accessibility Workshop on the Design of Public Spaces May 27th

- Rogers TV broadcasts the Council meetings the next day on television; however, they are also considering streaming it on the internet to provide for greater accessibility

- Committee noted that Twyla has been a big help with the grant application, process and implementation of the mobi-mats
- Six mats and the mobi roller will be delivered by DMS by May 31st; remaining four mats by the end of July
- Mats at Beach 2 will be sponsored by Stonebridge
- Several dignitaries have been invited – Alf Spencer, Director of the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario; Kellie Leitch, MP, Jim Wilson, MPP, Minister of Natural Resources, Lieutenant Governor David C. Onley, Warden/Mayor Cal Patterson and members of Council; John Fisher, Mark Crowe, social and service clubs, special interest groups and the Accessibility Advisory Committee members
- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is scheduled for July 11th at 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

- Ontario Parks with input from Town and Accessibility Advisory Committee will select the ideal accessible locations for the mats; Ontario Parks will monitor the mats during the summer for usage to determine the best location
 - Parking will be determined near the access to the mats and signs will be erected; Ontario Parks will determine parking, purchase the signs and determine the placement
 - Committee gave consensus to see the mats located at Beach Area 2
 - Clerk mentioned that she will consider submitting an application next year for the AMCTO E.A. Danby Award for the mobi-mats project that provides a unique service to the community
 - Clerk advised that the Town has advertised for another member to fill the vacancy
- ii) Gerry Reinders, Manager of Parks, Facilities and Recreation – absent
- iii) Councillor Morley Bercovitch
- updated the Committee on a few of Council's initiatives including the tenders for water projects on Knox Rd E and Sunnidale Road;
 - Bay Cliff sewer and water projects, Beach Area 1 & 2 development;
 - new attraction to the beach – inflatable waterslide; every weekend there are events planned;
 - suggested that more promotion is needed to advertise the mats on the beach, perhaps through the Discover Ontario advertisement;

- updated the group on the Community Garden project;
 - Harold Culham Trail will be having a memorial dedication on June 1st
- b) Kim Lattimore attended the Accessibility Forum in Toronto. Kim will email her points to the Clerk which included education to schools by someone with a disability; Committee suggested doing sensitivity training at the schools next year as part of National Accessibility Week; Kim reviewed the discussion on sports for individuals in wheelchairs; Kim will draft a report for the next meeting; Kim will submit expenses to the Clerk for reimbursement
- c) Audible Street Lights –The Chair suggested that the Town consider audible street lights. It was noted that there audible lights at major intersections in the community. The Accessibility Advisory Committee would like to see more audible lights in more locations in Wasaga Beach.
- d) The Committee suggested considering Beach 3 to install a mat to accommodate the guests of the Oasis Motel with is operated by E3 Community Services. The Clerk indicated she would advise John Fisher of this recommendation.
- e) November AAC meeting – Fred Heyduk invited members to Swiss Chalet for lunch in place of the November AAC meeting as a thank you; all members agreed.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

a) Regional Accessibility Fair

The Clerk will keep the Committee updated on any upcoming activities.

OTHER BUSINESS - None

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, June 27, 2013

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

September 26/13; October 24/13; November 28/13 (Swiss Chalet)

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.