



ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**Meeting No. 6 Held Thursday, November 24, 2011 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
Frank Nunnaro
Mark Ruttan
Kelly Robertson
Councillor Morley Bercovitch
Twyla Nicholson, Clerk

REGRETS: Andrea-Abbott Kokosin
Gerry Reinders, Manager Facilities, Parks &
Recreation

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST - None

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – September 14, 2011

Moved by J. Robbins, Seconded by M. Ruttan

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes of September 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

- Clerk updated Committee on the implementation of the Integrated Standards:
 - Emergency Plans and public safety information must be provided in an accessible format
 - Committee suggested formats such as Braille, audio, CD, CNIB, HearingON; John will contact CNIB; videos can be used for people that cannot read; Committee questioned if different languages needed to be translated and was necessary under the Standards – Clerk will check and confirm but understood although language can be a barrier, different languages are not required to be translated under the Act.

Moved by R. Angel, Seconded by K. Robertson

That the Committee recommends that a contact list be compiled to comply with Section 13 of the Integrated Accessibility Standards.

CARRIED

- Employment Standard - Workplace Emergency Response Plans – a draft copy of the Workplace Emergency Response Plan, questionnaire and memo as drafted by the HR Coordinator was reviewed
- Committee questioned if Council is included in the Plan; Clerk understood that they were but will confirm

Moved by M. Heyduk, Seconded by K. Robertson

That the Committee recommends that the questionnaire and Workplace Emergency Response Plan be accepted and distributed as drafted.

CARRIED

- Transportation Standards – reviewed regulations to comply with by January 1, 2012 for taxi's and transit buses
- Clerk advised that she has been appointed to the AMCTO Accessibility Project Team as a Legislative Committee representative
- Clerk updated Committee on the lift at Town Hall being temporarily out of order
- Manager of Parks, Facilities and Recreation – no report
- Councilor Bercovitch commented on the By-Law Department's patrols of the disability parking spots expressing how pleased he was to see them patrolling the parking lots

Fred commented on the new automatic doors at the arena that had motion sensors.

Concern was expressed regarding the remap to the Health Centre building that they still need to be widened at least five feet as the ramp is too steep to access. Clerk will follow up on letter sent to the owner of the building on March 29/10 from the Building Department and October 2010 from the Planning Department to comply.

Concern was expressed that wider disabled parking spots are needed at the Health Centre.

Councillor Bercovitch discussed with the President of the Rotary Club regarding funds for the mobi mats. A meeting is scheduled for January to present the mob mat project to the Rotarians.

The MNR advised that the mats were well used and easy to maintain during the pilot project. Frank expressed concern that the beach is still not fully accessible and suggested a designated area on the beach for people with disabilities to be able to enjoy the beach.

Councillor Bercovitch, Frank and Fred will discuss and check out a suitable area at the Beach. It was suggested that the Manager of Planning be advised to consider the suggestion in the development of Beach Area 2.

Fred questioned if lottery funds and other fundraising allocations as stated in the Lion's Club's constitution can be mainly used by the Club's home community. Clerk will check provincial policy guidelines.

Fred will contact Trudy at the Chamber of Commerce to make a presentation to the business community regarding compliance by January 1, 2012 of the Accessible Customer Service standard. Frank will attend the presentation.

The Committee expressed concern that the curb stops have been removed from in front of the LCBO (beside Shopper's) which is preventing access on the sidewalk. Fred will contact the owner to question the removal of curb stops.

The Committee suggested that a grant be applied for, with the assistance of the Town, for accessibility projects.

John questioned why the Committee had not been involved in the review of the plans for the new Fire Hall as the mandate states that the Committee is to review the accessibility of existing and proposed facilities. The Clerk will follow up.

b) Think Smart Show Update

Fred advised that 450 people came through the Show on Saturday and 150 people on Sunday. Committee questioned if they should enter a booth in November next year. The Committee didn't feel there was value in attending the Show next year as there did not seem to be a lot of exposure; however, suggested attending the Home and Garden Show.

c) 2012 Accessibility Plan

Committee reviewed the draft 2012 Accessibility Plan commenting on the accomplishments and future projects for the Committee. The Committee expressed concern with the crowding of the aisles at stores; consideration of a We Assist Program in stores will be discussed as a future project for 2012.

Moved by F. Nunnaro, Seconded by M. Bercovitch

That the Committee recommends to Council that it approve and adopt the 2012 Accessibility Plan.

CARRIED

Regional Fair – Committee suggested Accessibility Coordinator for the County of Simcoe for more information on how the Committee can be involved.

Accessibility Week will be declared for the end of May through the first week in June. Committee suggested this as the ideal time to roll out the mobi mats again.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Accessibility Fair 2012/Regional Accessibility Fair
- We Assist Program

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

February 15, 2012 @ 9:30 a.m. – Fred and Michelle will be away - John will Chair

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

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

John will book the South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre Board Room. Clerk will email members with dates. If members will be absent, please notify Fred, Michelle and Clerk.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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