



ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**Meeting No. 13 Held Thursday, October 25, 2012 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
Frank Nunnaro
Councillor Morley Bercovitch
Twyla Nicholson, Clerk

GUESTS: Joanne Lane, Accessibility Coordinator, County of Simcoe
Doug Mein, Chair, AAC County of Simcoe

REGRETS: Kelly Robertson
Mark Ruttan
Gerry Reinders, Manager Facilities, Parks & Recreation

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 – September 27, 2012

- Correction to Mark Crowe's donation for a mobi mat – should be \$12,000
- Mark Ruttan advised that he will also be a sponsor for the mobi Matts

- Councillor Bercovitch corrected that he and Frank contacted the owner of the Health Centre to repair the ramp.

Moved by F. Nunnaro; Seconded by M. Bercovitch

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes of September 27, 2012 be accepted, as presented.

CARRIED

4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Joanne Lane, Accessibility Coordinator, County of Simcoe
Doug Mein, Chair, AAC County of Simcoe

The Chair welcomed Ms. Lane and Mr. Mein the Committee to discuss general accessibility issues in the County and Wasaga Beach.

Ms. Lane congratulated the AAC for being very active and for its initiative with the mobi-mats. The Committee advised that the Town has applied for a grant through the Enabling Accessibility Fund to purchase mobi-mats for the beach areas, in cooperation with Ontario Parks. As well the Committee discussed the proposed activity area at the beach for those individuals with a disability. Ms. Lane congratulated the Committee on a great job for Wasaga Beach. The County has completed its annual Accessibility Plan and training for the Customer Service Standards. Ms. Lane advised that the County's accessibility matters are on the County webpage. She further advised that they are also interested in participating in a regional fair.

Mr. Mein commented that there is good collaboration with AAC members; however, would like to see more partnerships with Simcoe County municipalities. He also would like to participate in a Regional Accessibility Fair. Mr. Mein advised that the Museum will have a sensory garden next year through a very large donation. Mr. Mein discussed the need for more people to attend the Simcoe County Accessibility Network (SCAN) meetings, which are open to AAC members and would also like to have Accessibility Coordinators, such as the Town Clerk, attend to create more partnerships with municipalities for equal representation and focus on awareness. The meetings are held 1 – 2 times a year.

It was noted that Wasaga Beach is planning a Community Garden which will be accessible.

The Committee questioned Mr. Mein on the following:

Can the Wasaga Beach AAC be part of a Planning Committee for a Regional Fair? Mr. Mein advised that there must be a lead municipality and a staff person appointed to lead the project. Once it's started, other municipalities will follow and be part of it.

Can the AAC be part of the City of Barrie's Fair and get involved? Twyla will keep the Committee updated when the City of Barrie holds its Fair, if they do. There are no Fairs scheduled at this time.

Is the Simcoe County Accessibility Committee open to members within the County of Simcoe? The Committee meets at the County of Simcoe Administration Office and the membership is open to those that wish to apply when there is a vacancy. Twyla will keep the Committee advised of any vacancies.

Mr. Mein will organize a luncheon for Accessibility members. Ms. Lane will advise when the SCAN meetings will be and provide information on the meetings.

The Chair thanked Mr. Mein and Ms. Lane for their attendance and information provided to the Committee.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Staff/Council Update

i) Twyla Nicholson, Clerk:

- a. The Multi-Year Plan and Progress Report and Integrated Accessibility Standards Policy was adopted by Council on October 23rd

- b. Confirmation that the current Parking By-Law does provide for an exemption for veterans.
 - c. By-Law Enforcement has been advised of the issue with the height of parking meetings for individuals with disabilities are reviewing it.
 - d. By-Law is reviewing and reporting to Council on designated accessible parking on Beach Drive.
 - e. The Planning Department has been notified to consider the Accessibility Advisory Committee a special interest group to provide input on accessibility matters when planning for Beachfront development and holding public meetings.
 - f. Noted that all Wasaga Beach transit buses are accessible.
- ii) Gerry Reinders, Manager of Parks, Facilities and Recreation – not in attendance
 - iii) Councillor Morley Bercovitch
 - a. Councillor Bercovitch recognized Twyla for her hard work in drafting the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan and Integrated Accessibility Standards Policy and on the Committee. It was noted that both documents will be accessible on the Town's website.
 - b. Councillor Bercovitch commented on some of the development and building projects currently taking place, including the number of building permits.
 - c. The new Fire Hall opening is November 2nd.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- a) **Accessibility Fair** – Twyla will keep the Committee updated.

OTHER BUSINESS - None

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, November 22, 2012 @ 12:00 noon - Fred invited all members and staff to Swiss Chalet for lunch to thank everyone for a very good busy year and hard work.

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

January 24/13; February 28/13; March 28/13; April 25/13; May 23/13; June 27/13

10. ADJOURNMENT

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