



## ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

**Meeting No. 12 Held Thursday, September 27, 2012 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  
Kelly Robertson  
Twyla Nicholson, Clerk

**REGRETS:** Mark Ruttan  
Councillor Morley Bercovitch  
Gerry Reinders, Manager Facilities, Parks &  
Recreation

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

Fred Heyduk, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. The Chair welcomed Kim Lattimore to the Committee. Kim briefed the Committee on her background. She works with Long Term Care and is a Social Worker. Twyla reviewed the mandate and responsibilities of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

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

#### **3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – June 21, 2012**

Moved by K. Robertson; Seconded by J. Robbins  
THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes of June 21,  
2012 be accepted, as presented.  
CARRIED

**4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS - None**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Health Centre Ramp – The Planning and Building Departments have worked with the Development to fix the ramp to provide access

Invitation to Chair and Coordinator of the County of Simcoe Accessibility Advisory Committee for October AAC – Twyla will invite the County AAC Coordinator Joanne Lane, and the Chair, to the October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss general regional accessibility matters.

**6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mobi-Mats – Morley talked with Mark Crowe regarding his donation and commitment needed to apply for the Enabling Accessibility Fund grant. Ontario Parks has committed to install, maintain and store the Mobi-Mats. The Honourable David Onley has shown interest in cutting the ribbon at the official opening. Twyla will follow up with the Province at the time.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Staff/Council Update**

- i) Twyla Nicholson, Clerk – provided update to Committee on projects as the Agenda items are discussed
- ii) Gerry Reinders, Manager of Parks, Facilities and Recreation – not in attendance
- iii) Councillor Morley Bercovitch – not in attendance

**b) 2013 Budget**

The Committee held a brief discussion.

Moved by M. Heyduk, Seconded by R. Angel

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends to Council that \$5000 be allocated to the Accessibility Advisory Committee 2013 Budget.

CARRIED

**c) Integrated Accessibility Standards – Policy**

The Committee commended Twyla commenting that a lot of work went into drafting the Policy and Multi-Year Plan. Twyla explained the policy noting that the specific requirements for the Design of Public Spaces can be included when it becomes law. It is intended that the Policy be adopted by November to be in compliance for the January 1/13 deadline. Committee recommended that the policy be adopted.

Moved by R. Angel, Seconded by F. Nunnaro

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends to Council that the Integrated Accessibility Standards Policy be adopted.

**CARRIED**

Fred advised that he attended a meeting regarding Beach 1 or 2 and the green space, noting there was no accommodation for children with disabilities. Twyla will suggest to the Planning Department when public meetings are held for the development of the beach areas that the Accessibility Advisory Committee be invited/consulted as a special interest group for feedback/input.

**d) Integrated Accessibility Standards – Multi-Year Accessibility Plan**

Twyla explained that the Multi Year Plan is replacing the Annual Plan, noting that the specific requirements for the Design of Public Spaces can be included when it becomes law. It is intended that the Plan be adopted by November to be in compliance for the January 1/13 deadline. An annual Progress Report will be developed from the Committee to Council.

Moved by J. Robbins, Seconded by K. Lattimore

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends to Council that the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**e) Integrated Accessibility Standards – On-Demand Taxis**

Twyla explained that as a requirement of the Integrated Accessibility Standards, the AAC shall be consulted to determine the proportion of on-demand taxis required in the community. The compliance deadline is January 1/13. Further, the progress made toward meeting the need must be noted in the accessibility plan. Twyla explained that a survey, on Survey Monkey, has been drafted to solicit public input. Twyla provided a report to the Committee noting various criteria for the Committee to consider when determining the need for accessible taxis in Wasaga Beach, including the capital cost to the existing taxi companies to upgrade. Discussion ensued recommending that it would be great to have one (1) fully accessible taxi; however, commented that the accessible transit buses have been accommodating those individuals with disabilities, including picking up and dropping off. If this accommodation by the transit bus operators can continue, the Committee recommended that on-demand accessible taxis are not required in Wasaga Beach.

**f) Disabled Parking Spots at Beach One**

Fred put forward a suggestion that there be designated disability parking spots on Beach Drive in front of the stores to provide easier access. Twyla advised that the Sr. MLEO has been directed by the General Government Committee to report back before the 2013 season with a recommendation. The Committee commented that the existing parking machines are too high for people that are seated (i.e. scooter/wheelchairs), getting tickets are too difficult to obtain and try and put back into the vehicle when the machines are located away from the immediate area being accessed (ie stores). The Committee also asked that consideration is given to ensure that future accessible parking spots are big enough for “van” accessibility parking. It was also suggested that Officers enforcing parking use judgment when dealing with a person with disabilities.

Moved by J. Robbins, Seconded by F. Nunnaro

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend to Council that it consider establishing designated disability parking spots on Beach Drive at Beach One, including van accessible.

CARRIED

**g) People with Disable Parking Permits – Fees for Parking in Municipal Lots**

Fred put forward a suggestion that individuals that display a proper disabled parking permit should not be required to pay for parking fees in Municipal Lots. He advised that other municipalities have that practice.

Twyla advised that the Sr. MLEO has received calls from the public with this request and was directed to include a recommendation in his report; input from the AAC would be appreciated. There was a lengthy discussion on this topic as the rest of the Committee believed that regardless of ability, everyone should pay equally for parking fees. Twyla was asked to check if there is any special accommodation for vehicles with veteran plates.

Moved by R. Angel, Seconded by K. Robertson

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend to Council that it not consider waiving fees for parking in municipal parking lots in a designated disabled parking spots.

CARRIED

**h) Integrated Accessibility Standards – Draft Regulation – Design of Public Spaces – comments due by October 1/12**

Twyla explained that the Integrated Accessibility Standards will be amended to include the Design of Public Spaces. This Draft Regulation includes:

- Recreational trails and beach access routes
- Outdoor public use eating areas
- Outdoor play spaces
- Exterior paths of travel (e.g. sidewalks, walkways, ramps, stairs, etc)
- Accessible parking spaces
- Obtaining services – service counters, queuing guides, waiting areas
- maintenance

Comments are due by October 1/12. Should members have comments, please forward them to Twyla or directly to the Province.

**i) Lions Club Think Smart Show**

The Committee had no interest in participating this year.

**j) Accessibility Grant – deadline October 5/12**

Twyla advised that the Wasaga Beach Public Library has requested a letter of support from the AAC to support its submission for the Enabling Accessibility Fund grant.

Moved by K. Robertson, Seconded by M. Heyduk

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend providing a letter of support to the Wasaga Beach Public Library for their Enabling Accessibility Fund grant application to assist with their Libraries for accessibility project.

**CARRIED**

Twyla advised that the Town has an opportunity to submit an application to the Enabling Accessibility Fund grant to purchase Mobi-Mats. The maximum funding is \$50,000, with 25% of other funding committed. Mark Crowe will be asked to provide a letter committing to his donation and the Ontario Parks will provide in-kind donations. Twyla has drafted and will submit the application; John will review the application and assist to complete the application before it's submitted.

Moved by K. Lattimore, Seconded by K. Robertson

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend submitting an application for the Enabling Accessibility Fund grant to purchase Mobi-Mats for beach areas.

**CARRIED**

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

### **a) Accessibility Fair**

The Committee will discuss any upcoming regional/County Accessibility Fairs that it can participate in with Joanne Lane when she attends the October meeting.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Fred noted that he will not be able to attend the next Healthy Community Network meeting, asking John if he can attend as his alternate.

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

Thursday, October 25, 2012 @ 9:30 a.m.  
South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre Board Room  
45<sup>th</sup> Street & Ramblewood, Wasaga Beach

*Future meetings scheduled 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of month at 9:30 a.m.:*

*November 22/12, January 24/13; February 28/13; March 28/13; April 25/13; May 23/13; June 27/13*

Twyla will forward John the 2013 meetings so the Health Centre Board Room can be booked.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

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