



## ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

**Meeting No. 5 Held Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.  
Held at Marlwood Golf Course, 445 Golf Course Road. Wasaga Beach**

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**ATTENDANCE:** Fred Heyduk, Chair  
John Robbins, Vice Chair  
Michelle Heyduk, Secretary  
Ruth Angel  
Councillor Morley Bercovich  
Twyla Nicholson, Clerk  
Gerry Reinders, Manager Facilities, Parks & Recreation

**REGRETS:** Andrea-Abbott Kokosin  
Frank Nunnaro  
Mark Ruttan  
Kelly Robertson

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

Fred Heyduk, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

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

#### **3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – June 2, 2011**

Moved by J. Robbins, Seconded by R. Angel  
That the Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes of June 2, 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

The Clerk updated the Committee on the following:

Mobi-Mats – Fundraising – Committee’s mandate does not provide for fundraising. Clerk is working with Ontario Parks to accept fundraising. The Committee brought the concern of limited/no access to the beach forward and promoted the initiative to Ontario Parks who took ownership of the project. The Committee’s mandate is to promote and educate the public to ensure a fully accessible barrier free community.

Accessibility Fair – Planning and organizing an Accessibility Fair may be a more significant initiative than the Committee has resources for; therefore, the Clerk suggested participating in the Think Smart Show at the RecPlex sponsored by the Lion’s Club. The registration fee is \$100. It’s an excellent way to promote accessibility in the community as well as remind business of their obligations to comply with the Customer Service Standard by January 1/12.

Moved by J. Robbins, Seconded by R. Angel

That the Accessibility Committee register for the Lion’s Club’s Think Smart Show to be held at the RecPlex October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

CARRIED

The Clerk will send in the registration form and fee. John will collect materials and informational brochures from the Ministry and Andrea. Morley will have a laptop available. Clerk will check with Special Events/Communications to see if the backdrop is available.

The Clerk suggested that the Committee consider participating in a Regional Fair that might be held in Simcoe County in the future.

Integrated Accessibility Standards – The Clerk distributed and reviewed the Integrated Accessibility Standards and requirements that were made law June 2011. Staff will provide copies of draft policies/procedures for the Committee to review before they are considered by Council for approval.

2012 Budget – Clerk advised that the 2012 budget has been set at \$5,000 to be consistent with 2011. The Committee agreed that was adequate.

Manager of Facilities, Parks and Recreation – Gerry was absent – no report

Council – Councillor Morley Bercovich – no report

**b) Mobi-Mat – Brainstorming Session – Fred Heyduk**

The Committee agreed the pilot project by Ontario Parks was successful; discussed ensued regarding how to obtain the Mobimats permanently. Maintenance of the mats was discussed; the Ministry receives the mats in May and rolls the up at the end of the season for the winter.

Moved by M. Bercovich, Seconded by R. Angel

That the Accessibility Committee monitor the Mobimats program and follow up with Ontario Parks to ensure implementation to provide accessible access to the beach.

CARRIED

**Other Business**

John gave a short presentation on the provincial accessibility forum - municipalities and Regions gave reports; Tracy Durham informed participants regarding the steps to set up an Accessibility Advisory Committee Expo.

Fred Heyduk gave a short presentation on the “We Assist Program” with the grocery stores and questioned if the Committee was interested in pursuing this initiative for Wasaga Beach. Committee agreed it was a good idea and asked that it be put on the October Agenda for further discussion.

The Clerk noted briefly that the Accessibility Plan is due for reviewing for 2012. The Committee has enthusiastically completed and initiated several projects such as:

- Mobi-mats pilot project for accessible beaches in cooperation with Ontario Parks
- Curb stops at the Liquor Store to provide for accessible sidewalks
- Participated in Think Smart Show to promote accessibility
- We Assist Program as a future initiative

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

- Think Smart Show Update
- Accessibility Fair 2012/Regional Accessibility Fair
- 2012 Accessibility Plan
- We Assist Program

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

Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre Board Room - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 45<sup>th</sup> Street & Ramblewood

Thursday, November 24, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre Board Room - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 45<sup>th</sup> Street & Ramblewood

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:27 p.m.