



CITY OF
ST. CATHARINES

Minutes

Meeting: Mayor's Advisory Committee on Accessibility
Location: Burgoyne Woods Room (formerly Committee Room #1)
Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2015
Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Meeting Attendees:

Invited	Name
Present	Shelley Stewart, Co-chairperson Diane Foster, CO-chairperson Bob Asham Steve Byers Ian Crawford Julie Morris Mary Jane Waszynski
Regrets	Chantal Barrette Steve Kurtic-Lentinello Linda Marie O'Hagan David Reed
Staff	Diana Lecinski, CSS, Accessibility Christine Adams, TES Kristen Sullivan, PRC Stuart Green, PRC

Agenda Items and Deliverables

1. Welcome from the Chair: **Diane Foster at 1:35 p.m.**

2. Roundtable introductions were made.

3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Moved by: Bob Asham

Seconded by: Ian Crawford

That the Minutes of January 28, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED

4. Presentation / Discussion:

a. Lakeside Park; Stuart Green, Kristen Sullivan (PRC)

Staff reviewed the comprehensive renovation plans for Lakeside Park and further renovations planned for the other side of the pier. There will also be public meetings hosted to gain further community input.

MACOA was supportive of these preliminary designs, particularly noting the importance of the washroom/changeroom facility becoming FADS accessible and for Mobi-Mat access across the beach to the waterfront. Suggestions included wider mat areas to allow for someone to rest or stop partway and for a sheltered area near the beach entrance.

MACOA was also informed that community sailing programs no longer use the Inner Range Lighthouse and that there have been no adaptive sailing programs for many years and none are known of currently. MACOA concurred with this information and suggested that funds to increase access to the unused lighthouse would be of much greater community benefit to be used in relation to the various other accessibility renovations taking place at Lakeside Park.

Moved by: Shelley Stewart

Seconded by: Julie Morris

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That MACOA supports that the primary benefit of accessibility budgets being used in projects that provide the greatest benefit to the community. Given that the Inner Range Lighthouse is not being used, it would be more beneficial to create accessibility in other areas of the Lakeside Park renovation project such as beach access mobi-mats and/or an entrance shelter area to this pedestrian access route.

That MACOA endorses accessibility funds budgeted for the Inner Range Lighthouse to be shifted to other accessibility components of Lakeside Park renovations.
CARRIED

- b. West Park washrooms; Christine Adams (TES)
Staff review the location and design of the washroom building at West Park. It will be the same standard design as used at Pearson and Happy Rolph's Parks. MACOA endorsed the previous design. It was noted that West Park holds a number of highly attended events and washroom availability is pivotal to the success of these events. Suggestions included concern for functional accessible parking (size, signs and connective paths of travel).

5. Business Arising from Minutes:

- a. Accessibility Plan;
MACOA reviewed and endorsed the annual report on the long-term accessibility plan. Several reps were interested in making this presentation to Council. Staff will follow up with the City Clerk and inform MACOA of the Council date. Reps will expand on their speaking points made during the meeting and meet with staff on timing and presentation details

Moved by: Julie Morris
Seconded by: Bob Asham

That MACOA endorses the 2014 annual report on the 2013-2015 Accessibility Plan.

That MACOA will present this report to Council on date determined by the City Clerk.
CARRIED

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b. Terms of Reference;

As outlined in MACOA's previous minutes, Council is reviewing all City committees. Staff circulated the revised Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) terms of reference. MACOA aka AAC approved edits and endorsed. Staff will send the edited draft to the City Clerk.

Moved by: Julie Morris

Seconded by: Bob Asham

That the revised terms of reference for the Accessibility Advisory Committee be endorsed as edited and submitted to the City Clerk.

CARRIED

6. Updates:

- a. **Site Plan** – The Zoning By-law is being amended to meet the AODA's Design of Public Spaces Std. (DOPSS) relating to accessible parking.
- b. **DDRC** – Has not met, pending Council review of City committees.
- c. **Niagara AAC** – No update.

7. Information Items

- a. Video; highlighting access at city several facilities
Access and Communication staff are mapping ideas for several short videos to promote information on various accessibility attributes in several locations. MACOA reps were agreeable that interested members might be interviewed or filmed to support the messaging and staff will canvas as plans progress.
- b. MACOA term of appointment extended;
Members are asked to keep March and possibly April's meetings on their calendars to attend. Staff will advise members when committee applications are posted by the City Clerk.
- c. March of Dimes – Breaking the Barriers Awards;
Staff were informed by the March of Dimes that due to dwindling interest and participation in the awards they will no longer be hosting this event.
- d. AODA review by Mayo Moran;
Staff previously circulated the AODA review findings and recommendations to MACOA and noted that is well worth reviewing.

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8. Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in the Burgoyne Woods Room (formerly Committee Room #1)

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Moved by: Shelley Stewart

Seconded by: Steve Byers

That this meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED

Chair: Shelley Stewart