



CITY OF  
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## Minutes

**Meeting:** Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC)  
**Location:** Burgoyne Woods Room ( formerly Committee Room #1)  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 25, 2015  
**Time:** 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### Meeting Attendees:

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

## Minutes; Items and Deliverables

1. Welcome from the Chair: **Shelley Stewart at 1:35 p.m.**

2. Roundtable introductions were made.

### 3. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

Moved by: Diane Foster

Seconded by: Julie Morris

That the Minutes of February 25, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED

### 4. **Business Arising from Minutes:**

#### a. Accessibility Plan;

Accessibility staff noted that the presentation of the annual report on the Plan is scheduled for Council's May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The presentation by AAC members was briefly mentioned at the previous meeting. Steve Byers reviewed some valuable points on the population of people with a disability. Mary Jane Waszynski offered renewed perspectives and Diane Foster offered to provide closing remarks from the chairpersons, to be developed with Shelley Stewart. Thank you to these presenters.

#### b. Downtown Streetscape;

Christine Adams brought the latest Downtown Streetscape plans to discuss pedestrian crossing locations and the specific placement of tactile walking surface indicators (TWSI). The committee reviewed the options and members with low vision who would benefit the most from the TWSI, strongly recommended that they be aligned with the direction of crossing.

### 5. **Updates:**

a. **Site Plan** – reviews are on-going

b. **DDRC** – pending committee review

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- c. **Niagara AAC** – Committee recently met, and they will invite the new Regional Chair to their upcoming meeting. Membership appointments have been extended to June 30.

### 6. Information Items

- a. March 23 Council approved advisory committee terms of reference. This committee is now officially named the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) with revised terms of reference that were circulated to the membership.
- b. Video; highlighting access at city several facilities  
Access and Communication staff are mapping ideas for several short videos to promote City facilities and locations for various accessibility attributes. MACOA reps were agreeable that interested members might be interviewed or filmed to support the messaging and staff will canvas as plans progress.
- c. AAC term of appointment extended;  
Members are asked to keep April's meeting on their calendars. Staff advised members that committee applications have now been posted by the City Clerk. Links and information have been sent via email to members.

### 7. Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in the Burgoyne Woods Room (formerly Committee Room #1)

### 8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Moved by: Steve Byers  
Seconded by: Bob Asham

That this meeting is adjourned.  
CARRIED

Chair: Diane Foster