



CITY OF  
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## Minutes

**Meeting:** Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC)

**Location:** Burgoyne Woods Room

**Date:** Wednesday, June 24, 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  
Stacey Headey-Komenda  
Tracey Hrick  
Julie Morris  
Linda Marie O'Hagan  
Mary Jane Waszynski

Regrets David Reed

Staff Diana Lecinski, CSS, Accessibility  
Christine Adams, TES

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

**1. Roundtable introductions were made.**

a. Shelley Stewart welcomed new members Stacey Headey-Komenda and Tracey Hrick. AAC members each shared a brief backgrounder.

- b. Accessibility staff provided AAC information relating to;
- Clerk's Advisory Committee orientation and handbook, June 2
  - Making Accessibility Happen, Ontario's handbook for AAC's
  - Meeting dates, time, location confirmation
  - Accessibility supports, e.g. transportation
  - AAC business cards (50 each)
  - Accessibility orientation for other committee volunteers
- AAC elections TBA;  
AAC members asked if the existing co-chairpersons would remain as chairs to allow new members to assimilate to the AAC prior to chairperson elections. They accepted.

Moved by: Bob Asham  
Seconded by: Linda Marie O'Hagan

That Shelley Stewart and Diane Foster remain as co-chairpersons for the next 4 meetings.  
CARRIED

**2. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

Wednesday, May 27, 2015

Moved by: Julie Morris  
Seconded by: Diane Foster

That the Minutes of May 27, 2015 be approved.

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### 3. Business Arising from Minutes:

a. Accessibility Plan;

This is the final year of the existing 2013-2015 Accessibility Plan which will provide its final report early next year.

The next long-term Accessibility Plan will be discussed in more detail at future meetings, although 2016-2020 remains an ideal timeframe that fits with province's goal of an accessible Ontario by 2025.

It was suggested that the Sustainability Pillars and senior management be resourced for input on municipal objectives for the next 5 years.

### 4. AAC Updates:

- a. **Site Plan** – Julie Morris noted that further to her addressing Council in 2013 and flagging MACOA's 2010 Sidewalk Action Statement, and Council's subsequent resolution, the sidewalks are not yet installed or connective along Vansickle Road at Villa Roma or at the church at Rykert. Christine Adams of TES, will seek an update from PBS.

MACOA's Sidewalk Action Statement is an important document for Council's consideration. It was circulated with the agenda package and will be provided to the Social Sustainability Pillar of Council on September 29.

- b. **Niagara AAC** – Linda Marie O'Hagan updated on the Region's AAC status and appointments. She has reapplied for another term. The Regional AAC plans to have senior staff occasionally attending their meetings.

### 5. Information Items

- a. TO2015 PanAm torch relay

June 20<sup>th</sup> at Lakeside Park, had a designated area for ASL interpreters to support people with a hearing disability. There was also an area designated for people who use mobility devices that may not have been able to see the stage if behind a crowd.

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The Parapan Am torch relay will be held on August 3 at Lakeside Park. TO2015 has not provided full details but it is anticipated that it will take place late afternoon to 6 pm. Any further details will be provided at the AAC's July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

- b. Infinity Playground at Lester B. Pearson Park; a highly accessible City playground has completed surface renovations and improved connectivity within this site. Photos can be shown at the AAC's July 22 meeting.
- c. Christine Adams noted that;
  - Victoria Lawn Cemetery resurfacing has been completed,
  - Lakeshore at Lakeport construction is underway and will be completed late in 2015,
  - Sidewalk reconstruction on St. Paul and Carlisle is underway soon outside of the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre in anticipation of its completion.

### 6. Next Meeting

Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in the Burgoyne Woods Room

Chair: Diane Foster

The members were canvassed for their availability at the July meeting and it was agreed that several items should be discussed such as access videos, CDAC planning for October 8<sup>th</sup> and the Parapan Am torch relay plans.

### 7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Moved by: Diane Foster

Seconded by: Mary Jane Waszynski

That this meeting is adjourned.

CARRIED