

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, November 22, 2017

City Hall, Burgoyne Woods Room at 1:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Diane Foster, Co-chairperson
Shelley Stewart, Co-chairperson
Melissa Abrams
Bob Asham
Ian Crawford
Tracey Findlay
Bob Mahony
Linda Marie O'Hagan
David Reed
Mary Jane Waszynski
vacancy

Regrets:

Staff Representatives:

Diana Lecinski, Accessibility Coordinator, Office of the CAO

1. **Call meeting to order and Plans Review:**

Diane Foster called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Round-table introductions were made.

2. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Moved by: Bob Mahony

Seconded by: Linda Marie O'Hagan

That the Minutes of October 25, 2017 be approved.

CARRIED

Diane Foster also reviewed the November 10th Social Sustainability Pillar meeting as well as noted that she and Shelley Stewart attended the Niagara Parks Commission (NPC) public meeting on the NPC Accessibility Plan.

3. **Business arising:**

a) **Accessibility Plan;**

As noted at the AAC meeting of October 25 the members were provided with the draft FADS to provide comment. Several points and clarifications were discussed relating to auto flush, universal washrooms, consistent design of duress alarms. Staff noted that TES engineering and facility staff will also review this draft. Christine Adams and Diana Lecinski will discuss any revisions with Bob Topping of Designable Net and look forward to an updated FADS for 2018.

AAC members are reminded that the perspectives of older adults is part of their mandate. Linda Marie O'Hagan, along with approximately 75 citizens, attended the Older Adult Forum earlier today and provided the various perspectives that were raised at this event. Staff will circulate a report expected from the Mayor's office once available.

b) AAC vacancy;

The City Clerk will post the AAC vacancy ad shortly. The Accessibility Coordinator will forward the link with information, and all AAC members are encouraged to share with their colleagues and stakeholders. The members identified expertise that would be an asset to the current expertise as people who have a hearing disability, a child with a disability, or mental health disability.

c) 2018 calendar and meeting venues;

The AAC 2018 meeting calendar to be held at various City facilities was reviewed and endorsed.

Moved by: Tracey Findlay
Seconded by: Shelley Stewart

That the monthly 2018 meeting schedule for the AAC be approved.
CARRIED

4. AAC Updates:

a) Community access and media;

To be circulated with the electronic agenda package.

**b) City Projects, Christine Adams, TES;
Regrets**

c) Site Plan update;

AAC members were reminded of their desire to review various public and plaza locations relating to a possible lack of signage on accessible parking spaces.

5. **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.
at City Hall, Burgoyne Woods Room.

6. **Motion to Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Moved by: Ian Crawford

Seconded by: Bob Asham

That this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED