

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

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
Barbara Legg
Bob Mahony
Linda Marie O'Hagan
David Reed
Amy Romeo
Mary Jane Waszynski

Regrets:

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Staff Representatives:

Diana Lecinski, Accessibility Coordinator, Corporate Support Services (CSS)
Christine Adams, Manager Engineering & Construction, Transportation & Environmental Services (TES)

1. Call meeting to order:

Diane Foster called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

2. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting

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Moved by: Bob Mahony

Seconded by: Melissa Abrams

That the Minutes of February 28, 2018 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Business arising:

a) Accessibility Plan;

The draft 2017 Accessibility Plan was reviewed and endorsed by the AAC. This report will be placed on the Social Sustainability Pillar of Council at its next meeting on April 19th.

2 members will present this Plan and the new FADS to Council at its meeting on May 7th. Diane Foster and Bob Mahony volunteered and will meet with staff to discuss details prior to their presentation.

Moved by: Linda Marie O'Hagan

Seconded by: Shelley Stewart

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee endorse the 2017 report on the 2016-2020 Accessibility Plan, and

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee will present this report to Council.

CARRIED

FADS has been finalized and staff will prepare printed versions for launch at Council on May 7th. Further to members of the AAC promoting this updated FADS with their stakeholder groups, they asked that all City departments do their part to ensure builders and developers are aware of this guideline and are provided a copy and/or link to the document.

b) Other;

Sunset Beach Master Plan initiative: Staff provided information on this upcoming undertaking and noted that accessibility and public input will be actively sought.

Older Adult Forum/Seniors Day: This event will be held on Monday, June 11 from 9-2 at the Seymour Hannah Sports & Entertainment Centre. Staff have already reserved a table for the AAC. It was noted that the perspective of older adults is included in the AAC's terms of reference. All are welcome to attend, and volunteers are needed at the display table. Diane Foster, Bob Mahony and Linda Marie O'Hagan tentatively volunteered and will confirm at the next meeting. Thank you.

Shelley Gautier Para-sport Foundation had been interested in providing accessible stationary bikes classes at a City facility. Arrangements were made, however their volunteer issues hindered the classes taking place at this time.

Mary Jane Waszynski noted a word of thank you to Mayor Sendzik for his letter of support to a grant initiative undertaking by the Niagara Centre for Independent Living (NCIL).

Outstanding Items;

AAC friendly reminders regarding winter snow will be promoted next season. The messaging and image were reviewed and endorsed as 1 document (attached as Appendix A).

Moved by: Linda Marie O'Hagan
Seconded by: Amy Romeo

That the AAC's friendly reminder regarding winter snow clearing away from accessible parking spaces be promoted next winter.

CARRIED

Members again asked that City customer service counters provide ergonomic pens for people at the counter. Staff noted that this is an ongoing request and that pens and information for product reorder when more are needed has been given. The AAC noted that these easy to grasp pens are helpful for everyone.

4. AAC Updates:

a) Community access and media;

Linda Marie O'Hagan noted a number of media updates and will provide to staff for circulation to the AAC.

b) City Projects, Christine Adams, TES;

Christine Adams provided an overview of the construction contracts, locations and undertakings of TES for the upcoming season.

c) Site Plan update;

No report.

d) Hospital AAC update;

Bob Asham and Shelley Stewart noted that this committee will meet again next week.

5. Date of next meeting

Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at City Hall, Burgoyne Woods Room.

NOTE: May 23, June 27 and September 26 AAC meetings will be off-site as requested by the AAC and listed on the 2018 AAC meeting schedule.

6. Motion to Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Moved by: Bob Asham

Seconded by: David Reed

That this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

A friendly winter reminder from the St. Catharines Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC)



Winter can be a difficult time for persons with disabilities to get around the community. In particular, people who use mobility devices along the sidewalks, accessible parking spaces and connecting pathways when the ground is covered with snow and ice.

Ensure your winter property contractor is aware of areas to pile excess snow. Please keep your accessible parking spaces and sidewalks clear and usable.

Members of AAC