

**CITY OF BELLEVILLE
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF July 5th, 2017 MEETING**

A meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in SMB Room, 3rd floor City Hall.

ATTENDANCE

Councillor Garnet Thompson, Chair
Councillor Kelly McCaw
Councillor Jack Miller
Ms. Carol Goodall

Ms. Deanna Dulmage
Ms. Jennifer McTavish
Mr. Jeremy Davis
Mr. Dwain Hilts

STAFF PRESENT

Matt MacDonald, Acting Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk
Ms. Sarah Collins, Accessibility Coordinator
Denis Pianarosa, Build Belleville

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Thompson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

See Above.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL THEREOF

There were no disclosures made at this meeting.

4.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting held on May 24, 2017 had been circulated.

Moved by Jack Miller
Seconded by Deanna Dulmage

THAT the Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of May 24th, 2017 be approved.

- CARRIED -

5. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence at today's meeting.

6. DEPUTATION

There were no deputations at today's meeting.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7.1 AODA Coordinator Introduction

Matt MacDonald introduced and welcomed Sarah Collins as the new Accessibility Coordinator for the City of Belleville. Sarah introduced herself, and provided the Committee a brief outline of her work history.

7.2 Phase 3 – Downtown Redevelopment Plan

Denis Pianarosa provided a presentation to the Committee about Phase 3 of the Downtown Project. Denis discussed completing the rest areas as part of the downtown revitalization project and presented various design options for accessible benches. The Committee members recommended further consultation and/or testing by the Committee before purchasing benches. Questions were posed regarding accessible parking spaces and signage which Denis explained that accessible spaces are incorporated in the project plan, and that signage will follow the Traffic Act and universal design.

7.3 City's Five (5) year Accessibility Plan Review Process/Progress

Sarah Collins is going to re-write the Accessibility Plan and send out to Committee members in the next few weeks. The Committee will undergo a review of the Plan at the September meeting to prepare for submission to Council in October.

7.4 City Website – Identified Accessibility Issues

Matt MacDonald updated the Accessibility Committee on issues surrounding the current website.

7.5 Zwicks Island Washrooms

A complaint was received that portable toilets at Zwick's Island are not accessible, and washroom facilities were closed during an evening event at the park. AODA Coordinator will follow up with the complaint. City Staff will be reviewing and addressing accessibility concerns/issues with the Zwicks Park Washrooms, including placing signage on the permanent washroom.

7.6 Accessibility Workshop

The Spring Accessibility workshop geared towards small businesses was cancelled due to a lack of enrollment, there was 28 registrants. The plan is to attempt to put on the Workshop in October/November. Committee will work on a communication plan to help raise awareness in the community and surrounding areas to increase interest and attendance.

7.7 Sidewalk Complaint

A complaint from a citizen involving a downtown sidewalk was reviewed with the Committee. Matt MacDonald updated members about the issue. Finding a standard color for marking trip hazards that could be posted on the City website was discussed.

8. **NEW BUSINESS AND INFORMATION MATTERS**

Jack Miller spoke to the Committee about Accessible Transit Bus Service and Taxi Service. There are still growing pains with the new system and communication between riders and dispatch. Although not common, Issues have occurred. Ridership has increased 30%, and Transit is working on becoming more efficient.

9. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday September 27, 2017 at 1pm in the Sir Mackenzie Bowell Room, 3rd floor, City Hall.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:00p.m.