



Accessibility Advisory Committee

Wednesday April 9, 2008

Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Eileen Bourque
Josette Cote
Betty Stone
Lee Merkley
Bob Hobbs, Council Representative
John Brown, Manager of Planning and Development Services
Brenda Mercier, Staff

ABSENT: Catherine Calvert

1. OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee opened at 1:36pm.

2. REVIEW OF REVISIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Additions:

Under Item #7 – Unfinished Business

- Traffic By-law
- Length of meetings

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution No. AAC 2008-009

Moved by: Lee Merkley

Seconded by: Eileen Bourque

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee accepts the April 9th, 2008 agenda as amended.

Carried

5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolution No. AAC 2008-010

Moved by: Josette Cote

Seconded by: Eileen Bourque

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee accepts the Minutes of the March 4th, 2008 meeting.

Carried

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At this time new members are to be recruited through a direct contact process. To date public advertising in the City Bulletin for new members is not creating enough interest to increase Committee membership.

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There was a lengthy discussion regarding the handicapped parking spots and the proposed changes to the number and location of spots in the area of Armstrong and Whitewood. They were advised that there have been provisions made for those proposed changes in the new draft Municipal Traffic By-law. Also, the Committee was advised that under the Highway Traffic Act the outline for the blue disabled access parking spots must be white. Yellow must only be used for caution markings.

Resolution No. AAC 2008-011

Moved by: Lee Merkley

Seconded by: Josette Cote

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee has reviewed and support the recommendations put forward in the Draft By-law with respect to the direction of handicapped parking spaces in the downtown business section: Whitewood Avenue / Armstrong Street area.

Carried

7. CORRESPONDENCE - Incoming

- Copy of a letter from Tri-Town & District Chamber of Commerce regarding transportation issues for people attending medical appoints in other areas.
- Letter to Mayor and Council regarding handicapped parking in front of the Hospitals-in-Common Lab.

CORRESPONDENCE – Outgoing

- Letter to Lee Merkley
- Letter to Joel Carlton

Resolution No. AAC 2008-012

Moved by: Lee Merkley

Seconded by: Aileen Bourque

Accessibility Advisory Committee accepts Correspondence as listed in the agenda.

Carried

8: REPORTS - None

9. NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion regarding the length, date and time of the Committee meetings. It was decided that the meetings would be scheduled for two (2) hours time periods on the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be held on May 14, 2008 at 1:30pm. in the Haileybury conference room.

By consensus, the Committee agreed to review the Terms of Reference and provide their thoughts and suggestions in writing to the Secretary ten business days prior to the next meeting for compilation of the same. Josette Cote's extra ordinary efforts as presented were acknowledged by the Committee.

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10. TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Accessibility Committee Chairperson Betty Stone will be making a report at a later meeting regarding the March 19, 2008 Workshop attended by herself and Councillor Bob Hobbs.

It was noted by the Chair that the attendees were able to acquire materials and access to documents that were in excess value of at least double the cost of sending the two delegates. Prior to this meeting Councilor Hobbs and the Chair did complete a survey that was generated by Accessibility Standards of Customer Service (Ontario Regulation 429/07) Workshop to evaluate the workshop.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

11. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 14th, 2008 at 1:30pm. – CITY HALL @ 325 Farr Drive

12. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. AAC 2008-013

Moved by: Josette Cote

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting adjourns at 3:32 pm.

Carried

Chairperson

Secretary