



Accessibility Advisory Committee
Wednesday May 14th, 2008
Meeting Minutes

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

REGRETS: Catherine Calvert
Chris Bremner
Cynthia Barty – CNIB Northern District

1. OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee opened at 1:45pm.

2. REVIEW OF REVISIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Revisions:

Under Item #7 – Unfinished Business

Traffic By-law – moved forward due to time restraints for the attendance by telephone of Josette Coté.

Additions:

Under Item #7 – Unfinished Business

The access of the service counter at the Temiskaming Hospital Emergency Department.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution No. AAC 2008-014

Moved by: Josette Coté

Seconded by: Eileen Bourque

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee accepts the May 14th, 2008 agenda as amended with the change of order of Item No. 7 Traffic By-law and addition of access at the Temiskaming Hospital.

Carried

5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolution No. AAC 2008-015

Moved by: Lee Merkley

Seconded by: Josette Coté

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee accepts the Minutes of the April 9th, 2008 meeting.

Carried

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Traffic By-law

Discussion reflected the fact that Eileen Bourque accepts as presented the motion in respect to the Proposed Traffic By-law but respectfully requests that the Accessible parking spots be monitored at City Hall to determine if more are needed.

Terms of Reference – Barrier

The Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee agree with the definition of “Barrier” read to the members by Chair Stone which Betty will be using while speaking to Council at their next meeting.

“Barrier refers to anything that prevents a person with a disability from fully participating in all aspects of society because of their disability. This encompasses; physical barriers, architectural barriers, information or communication barriers, attitudinal barriers, technological barriers, or policies, procedures, practices that violate the principles of independence, dignity, integration (inclusion) and equality of opportunity as mandated by the Accessibility Standards of Customer Service Ontario Regulation 429/07.”

Resolution No. ACC 2008- 016

Moved by: Josette Coté

Seconded by: Eileen Bourque

Whereas it is the role and responsibility of the Accessibility Advisory Committee which is legally mandated by the Province of Ontario to provide to Council advice in respect to the removal of barriers for persons with disabilities, and

Whereas the Accessibility Advisory Committee have reviewed the proposed By-law Regulating Traffic and Parking of Vehicles in the City of Temiskaming Shores as laid out in “Appendix 1” of Report No. PDS-021-2008 and specifically the sections related to the designation and location of accessible parking upon City streets and parking lots, and

Whereas the Accessibility Advisory Committee have reviewed the comments received through the public consultation process that were received to date with respect to accessible parking spaces in the proposed by-law, and

Whereas the Accessibility Advisory Committee has taken into consideration the concerns and interests of all stakeholders in reviewing the proposed by-law and the comments received through the public consultation process with respect to accessible parking spaces, and

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Whereas the Accessibility Advisory Committee agrees with and endorses the distribution of accessible parking spaces as described in the proposed by-law with the addition of one accessible parking space to be located in the south-east corner of the north parking lot at City Hall,

Therefore the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends to Council that the sections of the proposed by-law as described in Appendix 1 of Report No. PDS-021-2008 with respect to accessible parking spaces, (with the addition of one parking space to be located in the south-east corner of the north parking lot at City Hall) be adopted into the new traffic and parking by-law.

Carried

7. CORRESPONDENCE – Incoming

Additional correspondence received at the meeting from Judy Snider with 19 supporting signatures regarding having two accessible parking spots in front of the Labs-in-Common.

8: REPORTS - None

9. NEW BUSINESS - None

10. TRAINING AND EDUCATION - None

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

11. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday June 4th, 2008 at 1:30pm. – CITY HALL @ 325 Farr Drive

12. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. AAC 2008-017

Moved by: Eileen Bourque

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting adjourns at 2:40 pm.

Carried

Chairperson

Secretary