



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF TEMISKAMING SHORES

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2010

11:00 A.M.

TEMISKAMING SHORES LIBRARY – NEW LISKEARD BRANCH

Vision Statement: All people of the City of Temiskaming Shores shall live in dignity, with independence, inclusion and equal opportunity.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Betty Stone at 11:12 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Betty Stone
Members Chris Bremner, Josette Coté, Chantal Durling, and
Councillor Bob Hobbs

ALSO

PRESENT: Christopher W. Oslund, Acting City Manager
Sue Weiss, Deputy Clerk

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 0

Prior to dealing with agenda items, Chair Betty Stone expressed the Committee's appreciation to Mr. Oslund and Ms. Weiss for their attendance to today's meeting.

3. REVIEW OF REVISIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution No TSAAC 2010-083

Moved by: Chris Bremner
Seconded by: Chantal Durling

Be it resolved that the TSAAC hereby adopts the September 21, 2010 Agenda as printed.

CARRIED

5. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE

NONE

6. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) **TSAAC Regular Meeting held September 15, 2010**

Resolution No TSAAC 2010-084

Moved by: Chris Bremner
Seconded by: Bob Hobbs

Be it resolved that TSAAC hereby approves the Minutes of the Temiskaming Shores Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on September 15, 2010.

CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Polling Stations for 2010 Municipal Election - Accessibility and Locations

Acting City Manager Chris Oslund reviewed some of Staff's recommendations outlined in Administrative Report No. CL-002-2010 presented to Municipal Council at the September 7, 2010 meeting, more specifically the following:

- Advance polling stations will be held at the Timiskaming Square Mall on October 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and October 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and another advance polling station will be held at the Haileybury Branch Library on October 18, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m..

- Regular polling stations will be held at Riverside Place, at City Hall, and at the Timiskaming Square Mall on October 25, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Polling stations with reduced hours will be held at the Northdale Manor (10am to 12Noon), Temiskaming Hospital (1:00pm to 3:00pm), Temiskaming Lodge (10am to 12Noon), and Tri-Town Extencicare (1:00pm to 3:00pm) on October 25, 2010.

Mr. Oslund indicated that staff will do everything in its power to address accessibility issues i.e. in the absence of automatic door, a door person will assist people entering and leaving Riverside Place; volunteers or staff will be available at all polling stations for anyone needing assistance with the voting process; we will endeavour to provide appropriate signage to facilitate the process; magnifying sheets will be placed at the secrecy screen locations; we will ensure enhanced lighting at secrecy screen locations i.e. provide lighting devices, etc.

Deputy Clerk Sue Weiss circulated a draft ballot sample to TSAAC members for review and comments. TSAAC's suggestions were as follows:

- Use the largest print possible;
- Remove logo (not necessary) use that space to enlarge the print;
- Underline each name on the ballot to assist electors with low vision;
- Darken the underlines and the outlines of the oval on the ballot;
- Post an enlarged copy of the ballot on the privacy screen to assist electors with low vision;
- Remove any shading; and
- Have white lettering on black background.

Ms. Weiss thanked the committee for their input and stated that she will express these comments to Election Systems and Software for consideration but pointed out to the committee that the ballots are designed for the tabulators to read the voting results and therefore some of the suggested changes may not be possible if they prevent the tabulator from reading the ballots correctly. Ms. Weiss ensured the Committee that everything that is possible would be done to enhance the ballot to assist people with low vision.

8. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

- a) Regular meeting is October 5, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at the New Liskeard Branch Library.

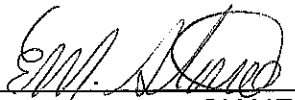
9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution No TSAAC 2010-085

Moved by: Chris Bremner

Be it resolved that the Accessibility Committee meeting adjourn at 12:45 p.m.

CARRIED


CHAIR


SECRETARY

MISSION STATEMENT

To ensure through education, promotion, and advocacy, that all persons with disabilities can with dignity and independence have full, equal, inclusionary participation and opportunity within the boundaries of the City of Temiskaming Shores.