



**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF TEMISKAMING SHORES
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING**

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2011 AT 10:00 A.M.

DYMOND COMMUNITY HALL

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

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.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by staff resource, Christopher W. Oslund, at 10:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Members Josette Coté, George dePencier, Lucy Duke, Chantal Durling, Councillor Bob Hobbs, Janice Labonte(arrived at 10:08 a.m.), and Betty Stone.

ALSO

PRESENT: Christopher W. Oslund, City Manager
Suzanne M. Weiss, Municipal Clerk
Karen Beauchamp, Senior Policy Planner

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Emma Laughlin

REGRETS: Councillor Brian Thornton

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Further to the March 3, 2011 TSAAC meeting where the election of the Committee Chair was deferred pending a report from staff on whether or not an ex-officio member could nominate a member for the position of Committee Chair, the City Manager reported his findings. The Municipal Act and Bourinot's Rules of Order are silent on this matter, therefore the City Manager recommended withdrawing the March 3, 2011 nominations and re-opening the nominations.

Resolution No TSAAC 2011-011

Moved by: Councillor Hobbs

Seconded by: Josette Coté

Be it resolved that the Temiskaming Shores Accessibility Advisory Committee agrees to withdraw the March 3, 2011 nominations for Committee Chair.

CARRIED

Nominations were re-opened

Josette Cote nominated Betty Stone – Seconded by Chantal Durling.

Resolution No TSAAC 2011-012

Moved by: Josette Coté

Seconded by: Chantal Durling

Be it resolved that nominations be hereby closed.

CARRIED

The City Manager announced that Betty Stone by acclamation is now Chair of the Temiskaming Shores Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Chair Betty Stone thanked the Committee members for their support. She thanked municipal staff for their past support, more specifically Karen Beauchamp, Norm Desjardins, Chris Oslund and Sue Weiss, and also for their hard work and assistance to TSAAC during the Review of Caisse Populaire's Site Plan Control Agreement.

4. REVIEW OF REVISIONS OR DELITIONS TO AGENDA

Additions:

Under New Business – add the following items:

f) Canadian Tire

- g) Haileybury Business
- h) City Hall Air Quality
- i) Succession Planning for TSAAC

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution No TSAAC 2011-013

Moved by: Lucy Duke
Seconded by: Chantal Durling

Be it resolved that the TSAAC hereby adopts the April 7, 2011 Agenda as amended.

CARRIED

6. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE

NONE

7. ADOPTION OF PRECEDING MINUTES

Resolution No TSAAC 2011-014

Moved by: Josette Côté
Seconded by: George dePencier

Be it resolved that TSAAC hereby adopts the following minutes as printed:

- a) Minutes of the Regular TSAAC meeting held on March 3, 2011.
- b) Minutes of the Special TSAAC meeting held on March 24, 2011.

CARRIED

8. NEW BUSINESS

a) Purchase Policy Amendment Update

The Chair reviewed the City's Purchasing Policy adopted by Municipal Council under By-law No. 2009-012 and the steps taken last fall to amend the policy to ensure consideration be given to the purchase of products and services that support accessibility and that reduce or eliminate barriers to accessibility. She requested that a copy of the said policy be provided to all TSAAC members for the next meeting.

b) Caisse Populaire Site Plan Update

The City Manager provided the Committee with an update on the said matter. Staff submitted an administrative report to Council at the April 5, 2011 Regular Meeting outlining TSAAC's recommendations. Council endorsed the report and directed staff to forward these recommendations to Caisse Populaire for consideration during their review of the final site plan submission.

He added that the City will improve the process by holding a pre-consultation session for future site plan control submissions with Economic Development, Planning, Building Departments and TSAAC so that the City's expectations can be outlined to the developer prior to the planning/design stages.

The Senior Policy Planner confirmed that she had forwarded the Administrative Report and Council's Resolution to Caisse Populaire yesterday for their consideration.

Councillor Hobbs acknowledged that the Senior Policy Planner did a wonderful job at presenting the report to members of Council on April 5, 2011.

TSAAC suggested a statement be included in the Site Plan Agreement saying that: "Council acknowledges that the site plan meets the minimum standards but the applicant may be required to undertake renovations to meet new proposed standards in the near future."

Chair Betty Stone stated that the review of Caisse Populaire's Site Plan Control Agreement was a good experience for the Committee and again thanked the staff for its support during the entire process.

c) Accessibility Plan Update

The City Manager informed TSAAC that the City's Accessibility Plan is 5 years old. Ideally, a plan should be developed every year and submitted to Council in September to be integrated with the budget process. Council will be passing the 2011 budget shortly and therefore the 2011 Accessibility Plan should be a simplified version with no financial impact. Our 2006 plan is very detailed but a lot of items were not done because it wasn't incorporated into the budget. In reviewing other municipal accessibility plans, the City Manager said that most don't have a long detailed list of goals but instead have 5 or 6 achievable goals within the plan. Good strategic planning should include an evaluation at the end of the year of what was achieved and what was not, and why? The Committee could look at an internal 5-year forecast plan. The Committee should start working on the 2012 Accessibility Plan for presentation to Council in mid-September and financial implications need to be included as part of the plan.

Chair Betty Stone stated that the Committee has identified in the past some projects that are required to meet Bill 212 – the Good Governance Act. Grants

have not been forthcoming, however, there will be other opportunities for particular projects and if the design work is already done (shovel-ready) then when an opportunity arises, we may have a better chance of being successful in obtaining funding and it also shows that the Corporation is committed to accessibility.

d) **Regional Forum for Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committees in North Bay on May 5, 2011**

Resolution No TSAAC 2011-015

Moved by: Lucy Duke

Seconded by: George dePencier

Be it resolved that the TSAAC hereby approves the attendance of its committee members to the Regional Forum for Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committees in North Bay on May 5, 2011.

CARRIED

Chris Oslund, Karen Beauchamp, Josette Coté and Betty Stone confirmed their availability to attend the Forum. Sue Weiss will circulate an email to members who were absent to determine their availability to attend the Forum and any other members wanting to attend should confirm with Sue Weiss so she can make travel and registration arrangements.

e) **Community Profile**

A committee was struck to review the Community Profile consisting of the following members:

Betty Stone, Chantal Durling, Bob Hobbs, Brian Thornton as well as Karen Beauchamp as staff resource.

The Committee will meet on the following dates to review the Community Profile:

- Monday, April 18, 2011 – 11:00am to 2:00 pm; and
- Monday, May 9, 2011 - 11:00am to 2:00 pm;

f) **Canadian Tire**

Chair Betty Stone commented on the improvements done at the Canadian Tire Store including automatic doors with magic eyes. She encouraged the committee members to visit the store.

Direction:

A letter from the City is to be forwarded to Canadian Tire acknowledging how delighted the City is with the accessibility improvements with a copy to be sent to the Toronto Head Office and to also ask permission for a photograph

to be taken of the improvements and permission to include it in the Community Profile.

g) Haileybury Business

Chair Betty Stone informed the committee that “R U Hungry” is moving to Haileybury in May and the business owner has approached TSSAC for advice on making his business barrier-free.

h) City Hall Air Quality

The City Manager advised TSAAC that a report would be going to Council on May 3, 2011 regarding City Hall’s Air Quality and findings would be reported back to TSAAC.

i) Succession Planning for TSAAC

Chair Betty Stone thanked the members for appointing her as Chair but also informed them that she would like to see different people on the committee taking on different roles during the 4-year term. She added that she does not want the Chair position for any more than a two-year period and that the Committee can revisit this matter at the end of this year to deal with succession planning of the Chair position.

j) Confirming Motion

Resolution No TSAAC 2011-016

Moved by: George dePencier

Seconded by: Chantal Durling

Be it resolved that the Temiskaming Shores Accessibility Advisory Committee hereby confirms the proceedings of its meeting held April 7, 2011.

CARRIED

9. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

- a) Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at Riverside Place.
- b) Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. – to be determined.


10. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No TSAAC 2011-017

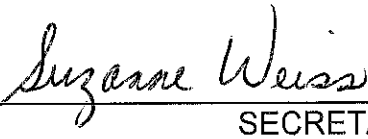
Moved by: Josette Coté
Seconded by: Janice Labonte

Be it resolved that the Temiskaming Shores Accessibility Committee meeting hereby adjourns its April 7, 2011 TSAAC Meeting at 11:49 a.m.

CARRIED



CHAIR



SECRETARY