



**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF TEMISKAMING SHORES**

**ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2009**

**1:00 P.M.**

**CITY HALL – HAILEYBURY BOARDROOM – 325 FARR DRIVE**

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**MINUTES**

1. **OPENING OF MEETING**

The meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was called to order by the Chair at 1:20 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Betty Stone, Chair  
Members Josette Coté and Christabel Bremner  
Cynthia Barty, CNIB Northern District

ALSO

PRESENT: John Brown, Manager of Planning & Development Services  
Brenda Mercier, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Eileen Bourque, Lee Merkley and Councillor Bob Hobbs

3. **REVIEW OF REVISIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

NONE

4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Resolution No. AAC 2009-001

Moved by: Christabel Bremner

Seconded by: Josette Coté

Be it resolved that the Accessibility Advisory Committee accepts the January 14, 2009 Agenda with amendments.

CARRIED

5. **REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Resolution No. AAC 2009-002

Moved by: Christabel Bremner

Seconded by: Josette Coté

Be it resolved that the Accessibility Advisory Committee adopts the Minutes of the November 12, 2008 meeting and confirm Discussion Notes of the December 10, 2008 meetings as printed.

CARRIED

6. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE**

NONE

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a) Terms of Reference

The Chair believes it would be beneficial for the Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores if there is provision in the Terms of Reference for an elective flow of information from TSAAC to Council.

There may at times be matters that come to the attention of TSAAC members that should be conveyed to Council as the matters materially:

- affect the accessibility of citizens of the municipality of Temiskaming Shores
- is deleterious to the City's image in achieving dignity, independence, and inclusion for all citizens.
- there exists no other realistic mechanism for advocacy - i.e. a not-for-profit social planning agency within Temiskaming Shores.

The Terms of Reference are not yet complete but the Committee is delighted to see the Mission Statement and philosophy remains. The Committee would like to see the Terms of Reference back for comment, and if the Committee agrees, endorsement.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) Transit System - Comments from the Chair

Premise: The use of tax dollars to fund public transit should require that all persons, regardless of disability, have the right to use the transit service with dignity, equal opportunity, independence and inclusion to ensure that the service meets their needs.

Economic/Environmental:

- monthly, semester passes, youth/senior, family rates
- policy in place if disabled person requires attendant to help (no cost)
- rack to secure bikes outside
- actual routes should be reviewed for both efficiency as well as enhancing ridership numbers
- routes should encourage local economic utilization – i.e. farmers market
- where tickets are sold - auditory/tactile information should be available to address literacy/vision challenges

Shelters:

- located at spots where physically challenged persons congregate
- Shelters should incorporate benches that need to be wide and high enough for people to be able to easily pull themselves erect. This may require the use of armrests on the benches. The width throughout the shelters should allow access for wheelchairs and walkers to be utilized as well
- if schedule information is in shelters it should be printed in a readable simple print size

Protocols/Policies/Planning:

- note policy in respect of attendant care
- protocols of operation should be “passenger friendly” and seamless i.e. calling out upcoming stops
- if a snow bank blocks discharge point ensuring the safety of the passenger is paramount with appropriate notification
- planning should be continued for development of multi-functional buses/services that can accommodate or meet everyone’s needs

Committee members were requested to forward their comments regarding the Transit System to the Secretary prior to the next meeting.

b) Site Plan Control Review

Ecole élémentaire publique des Navigateurs – Daycare

The Senior Policy Planner, Gerry Walker, updated the Committee with regard to the number of accessible parking spaces for the daycare. The plan was revised to have only one space which meets the traffic by-law. There were no comments following the review of this plan.

Caisse populaire de New Liskeard Ltee

Josette Coté disclosed to the Committee that she banks at this facility, but feels there is no conflict of interest .

The site plan must be modified to two accessible parking spaces 15 feet wide for each to meet the traffic by-law requirements.

Other concerns were raised and the Committee members are to bring their comments in writing to the meeting. The Committee will provide their comments at the February 11, 2009 meeting and forward their review to the Senior Planner.

9. **REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES**

NONE

10. **REPORTS**

NONE

11. **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

- a) Temiskaming Shores Accessibility Advisory Committee Regular meeting – Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. – Haileybury Boardroom – City Hall
- b) Temiskaming Shores Accessibility Advisory Committee Regular meeting – Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. – Haileybury Boardroom – City Hall

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Resolution No. AAC 2009-003

Moved by: Christabel Bremner

Seconded by: Josette Coté

Be it resolved that the Accessibility Advisory Committee adjourns its meeting at 3:00 p.m.

CARRIED

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CHAIR

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SECRETARY