The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie



Community Development Planning & Enterprise Services

Diane Morrell Accessibility Coordinator

November 9, 2022 2:00-4:00 p.m. In Person & Via Zoom

Minutes

In Attendance: Diane Morrell, Denise Elliott, Shannon Gowans, Dan Jennings, Carol Magnan, Councillor Vezeau-Allen

Regrets: Don Calvert, Jordan Derochie, Tracy Galizia, Debbie Renaud, Barb Bradley, Derrick Lavallee, Councillor Marchy Bruni

Guests: Peter Tonazzo – Director of Planning, Rachel Tyczinksi – City Clerk, Madison Zuppa – Deputy City Clerk, Gabrielle Nicholson – Elections Coordinator

Recorders: Stephanie Perri - City Planning

1. Meeting called to order

2. Chairs comments

- 2.1. Post Election; accessible voting demonstration
 - Very expensive to have accessible aids at each location
 - Accessible voting aids include:

At Advance Polls Only

- ASL Interpreter available at Advance days for 2 hours a day
- Sip and Puff with disposable straws
- Paddles for persons with dexterity issues
- Audio Tactile Interface for persons with dexterity issues and/or persons who read braille
- Audio headphones with disposable headset covers

At All Polls

- Magnifying sheets and magnifying glass
- Large grip sharpie markers
- Large print candidate lists
- Note pads to accommodate communication
 - Issues include: background noise, cord issues (connectivity), people not knowing what was available
 - Possible fixes include: noise cancelling headphones, having at least one aid at each location, braille template, magnifying glass with light, radio ads
 - Individuals should be notified that assistance is available if needed upon entering polling station
 - Overall, very pleased with turnout, will consult the committee again for next election

- **3.** Reminder to Committee; As an accessibility courtesy, please say name prior to speaking, and only one person speaking at a time.
- **4. Approval of Minutes** do not have quorum
- 5. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
- 6. New Business
 - 6.1. Community Developments; Letter of support for Pointe des Chenes funding application
 - 6.2. Standing Item AAC feedback on location of additional seating benches
 - Annual allotment of \$10,000 for benches = approximately 6 benches
 - Hubtrail Simpson Street to Churchill Boulevard
 - Northern Community Centre
 - GFL
 - Finnish Rest Home to Walmart
 - Pathways to Wellington Square Mall
 - MacDonald Ave to Hospital
 - Lukenda Drive (Privately owned, but may be suggested)
 - 6.3. Standing Item Bus Stops & Shelters Feedback
 - Pine Street Shelter could bus enter Food Basics parking lot?
 - 6.4. Boards and Committees application/re-application

7. Old Business

- 7.1. Video Remote Interpreting (VRI); on hold pending restarting of program in new year
- 7.2. Pool lift replacement; Motion from Committee required for purchase \$15,355.99 same lift as current still no quorum to vote, will vote by email
- 7.3. Enable Table accessibility purchase Motion from Committee required, will vote by email
- 8. Barrier Removal Updates
 - 8.1. Standing Item: Barrier free parking violations track violations in spreadsheet
 - GFL more accessible parking needed
 - 8.2. Standing Item: Accessible Taxis
- 9. Discussion about display screen in office
- **10. Site plan Sub Committee Report –**Rezoning triplex
- **11. Website Update –** 1/3 funding to come from Accessibility, approximately \$21,000. Will bring to Committee for approval.
- 12. Adjournment

Next meeting **Tuesday**, **December 13**, **2022** in person & Via Zoom 2:00 – 4:00