



Accessibility Advisory Committee
October 12, 2022
2-4p.m.

Minutes

In Attendance: Shannon Gowans, Diane Morrell, Carol Magnan, Dan Jennings, Tracy Galizia, Denise Elliot, Councillor Lisa Vezeau-Allen

Regrets: Don Calvert, Anne Marie Borkowski, Jordan Derochie, Debbie Renaud, Barb Bradley

Guests: Peter Tonazzo – Director of Planning, Toni-Marie Streicher – Planning

Recorder: Stephanie Perri – City Planning

1. Meeting Called to Order

2. Chair's Comments:

- 2.1** Live Streamed and recorded and available on YouTube channel
- 2.2** As accessibility courtesy, please say your name before speaking

3. Approval of Minutes – May 18, 2022 AAC meeting Do not have quorum

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest None

5. New Business

5.1 JRRC Evacuation Plan

- Exit through closest exit, gather outside and wait further instruction
- Will review Civic Centre evacuation plan before attending

5.2 Meeting Schedule Change in Dates

- Change December 14 to 13, Jan 11 to 10, March 8 to 9

5.3 Community Developments

- Enabling Accessibility Grant application for Pointe Des Chenes; letter requested from committee
 - Virginia looking for funding – deadline November 1
 - Paved path needs repair, bathrooms & change rooms are not accessible, door actuators, no accessible beach access

5.4 Letter of Support

- Natural Infrastructure Grant – Ronald Irwin Civic Centre Seawall Replacement
 - Application has already been submitted
 - Seawall is failing and needs to be repaired, upgrade to make accessible at the same time

5.5 Report a Barrier

- Refuse bins blocking sidewalk
- Information campaign/press release to inform residents to put bins at edge of yard/street – not on sidewalk
- Work with drivers to replace bins in such a way as to not block sidewalks

5.6 New Pool Lift Required

- Current lift is about 5 years past its lifespan and is malfunctioning leaving people stranded in the pool.
- Relocate funds to purchase new lift
- Is it possible to share with sledge for now?

6. Old Business

6.1 Municipal Election

- Accessible voting options include mail in, vote from home, ASL interpreters, sip & puff, paddles, audio tactile interface, braille, audio headphones, vote by proxy, magnifying sheets/glasses, large print, notepads, large grip sharpie
- Issues encountered – small bubbles to mark, assistance was not offered
- Will invite clerks to next meeting to demonstrate

6.2 Accessible Taxi

- Soo Yellow Cab – 1 taxi
- U-Cab – 2 cabs, 24/7
- Ride share – U-Ride, EZ Ride – no accessible vehicles
- Accessibility Coordinator spoke with Ray Magnan who said that administration of licensing will be moving to Clerks; Jeffrey King, City Solicitor will be updating by-law to reflect an enforcement piece with consideration to be managed through by-law officer and Council considerations as there would be budget implications for this.
- Issues – accessible vehicles not always available
- Keep log of issues

6.3 Queen Street Reconstruction

- Carol, Diane, Carl Rumieli, and Darrell Maahs (EACOM)
- Design of Public Spaces standard shared with group
- Improve patio guidelines to have consistency
- Crossings – not enough time to cross, not consistent
 - Invite Andy Starzomski to next meeting
- Timeframe – there will be more consultation
- EACOM will put together design brief

6.4 Video Remote Interpreting VRI

- Program is temporarily on hold pending restart from challenges during COVID, hope to have up and running at beginning of year
- On demand service provided by Canadian Hearing Services
- Budget \$5,000/year
- Downtown Association may be interested

7. Barrier Removal Updates

7.1 Barrier Free Parking Violations Update

- Sault Area Hospital – 50
- Downtown Parking Lots – 19
- Private Property – 4
- Airport – 3
- Cambrian Mall – 2

8. Site Plan Sub Committee Report

- Sent to committee; for balance of term AAC Coordinator will coordinate Site Plan Review Committee on Tuesdays at noon.
- Will need new chairperson in new year
- Dan not listed as member

9. AAC term ending, applications available in November

10. Adjournment

Next meeting – November 9, 2022, In-person and via Zoom 2 – 4 p.m.