



Accessibility Advisory Committee

**Wednesday April 14th 2021
VIA Zoom**

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Minutes

In attendance: Denise Elliott, Shannon Gowans, Craig Kohler, Derrick Lavallee, Don Calvert, Shirley Puulkinen, Carol Magnan, Jordan Derochie, Dan Jennings, Tracey Galizia, Debbie Renaud, Councillor Marchy Bruni, Councillor Lisa Vezeau-Allen

Regrets: Diane Morrell, Anne Marie Borkowski, Tracey Galizia

Guests: Virginia McLeod - Manager of Recreation and Culture with City SSM, Steve Turco - Planner City of Sault Ste. Marie, Nicole Maione - City transit manager, Christian Frost - City Transit Training Supervisor, Justine Palmer - City Transit Clerk/Dispatcher

Recorders: Nancie Scott- Accessibility Coordinator, Jonathan Kircal - Planner

1. Welcome- Accessibility Coordinator, Nancie Scott.

This meeting is streamed live on YouTube and recorded.

2. Chair's Comments- AAC chair Shannon Gowens asked Accessibility Coordinator run the meeting due to the virtual format

3. Review and approval of minutes- Motion to approve March 10th, 2020 AAC minutes by Marchy, seconded by Carol

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest- none

5. New Business

5.1. James Street revitalization – Anna Marinelli Park

- Steve Turco presented plan for area
 - 1.** Recommendations from AAC were to ensure close proximity barrier free parking and benches in all areas

5.2. Bellevue Park Topsail Island paved paths

- Virginia McLeod gave overview
 - 1.** 1.62 km paved paths 2.5m wide

2. AAC recommends benches be placed on a pad or a pad be adjacent to bench so mobility device users can move off the pad to rest.

5.3. Pointe des Chenes

- Virginia notified committee a grant has been applied for to make improvements. If successful in application for funds Virginia will return to have AAC provide input on plans

5.4. Transit Staff for update and input

- 25 shelters replaced over next few years. AAC encouraged to identify shelters most needing replacement
- New callout system will be in place in July 2021
- Fare box system being changed
- 14 new buses over next few years
- Ucab was the successful applicant for the transit ambulatory service, 3 year contract
- Pine and McNabb bus stop identified as a problem location for users with disabilities as there is no sidewalk
- AAC member reports that some advertising on the City bus windows can make it difficult for people with vision disabilities to see out
- Wayfinding pilot project starting on transit
- Parabus hours are the same as conventional transit

6. Old Business – Autism strategy

- 6.1. Documents are completed and being remediated so to be accessible on the City website

7. Other Business

- 7.1. Tactile warning indicators placed on Bay street and some at the Great Northern Road new crossing light are set into the concrete angled.
 - Accessibility Coordinator to check with City departments on the placement of the strips

8. Barrier Removal items

- 8.1.** Barrrier free parking violations – 2 tickets from January to March 2021
- 8.2.** Architect is developing a design to add accessible seating to JRCC arena 2

9. Sub Committee report - none

Motion to adjourn – Lisa

Seconded by Marchy

Adjournment – 3:55

Next Meeting – May 19th, 2021,

2:00pm – 4:00pm

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