# The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie



# Community Development Planning & Enterprise Services

# Diane Morrell Accessibility Coordinator

Date: May 10, 2023 2:00-4:00 p.m.

In Person & Via Zoom

## **Minutes**

In Attendance: Councillor Sandra Hollingsworth, Diane Morrell, Donald McConnell, Diana

Gerhart, Derrick Lavallee, Carol Magnan, Kerri Tucket, Craig Kohler, Jordan Derochie

Regrets: Councillor Lisa Vezeau Allen, Shannon Gowans, Andree Labonte

Guests: Peter Tonazzo, City Planning

Recorder: Stephanie Perri - City Planning

1. Meeting called to order: Round table introductions

### 2. Chairs Comments

Reminder to Committee as an accessibility courtesy, please say name prior to speaking, and only one person speaking at a time.

Dan Jennings has submitted his resignation from the Committee.

**Motion:** Moved that the Accessibility Advisory Committee thank Dan Jennings for his many contributions to the committee and wish him the best.

Moved by: D. Lavallee Seconded by: Craig Kohler

#### **CARRIED**

## 3. Approval of Minutes – April 12, 2023

Moved by: D. Gerhart Seconded by: D. Lavallee

**CARRIED** 

#### 4. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts declared.

# 5. New Business

### **5.1 Traffic and Pedestrian Concerns**

Resolved that the Accessibility Coordinator maintain a list of sidewalk and traffic areas (including sidewalk snow plowing areas) concerning accessibility on behalf of the Accessibility Advisory Committee and other community members with disabilities, and that this list become a formal report to City Council on an annual basis.

Moved by: Councillor S. Hollingsworth

## 5.2 Access Ability Awareness Week - May 28 - June 3, 2023

Proclamation & Presentation to Council May 29 Meeting

#### 6. Old Business

# **6.1 Tour of Northern Community Centre**

Feedback from Accessibility Coordinator on behalf of AAC

- Colour contrast common issue
- Door actuator doesn't open door in front
- Voice annunciation of floor you're on
- Adult change table
- Assistive listening device
- Mobility device charging station
- Call cord where does the call go/what is the procedure?
- Para Bus what entrance need clarification from Transit

# 6.2 Video Relay Interpreting (VRI) Update

- Quick access program
- Trial at next meeting

# **6.3 New Civic Centre Elevator**

- Accessibility features of elevator accessibility feedback
- · List sent to Engineering

#### 7. Barrier Removal

7.1 Standing Item: location of benches, trees, waste baskets

7.2 Blind Square Event App: Ready for release

- Transit to draft report to Council
- Letter of support from Committee

Resolved that a letter of support be sent to Council on behalf of the Accessibility Advisory Committee in support of the Blind Square Event App.

Moved by: C. Magnan Seconded by: D. Lavallee

**CARRIED** 

# 8. Site Plan Sub Committee Report

Resolved that Derrick Lavallee be appointed as chair to the Site Plan Sub Committee **CARRIED** 

# 8.1 Finnish Rest Home Phase 5 - Don McConnell, Chairperson AAC

- Comments: accessible parking is far
- Cross over driveway
- Ramps outside courtyard
- Sidewalks connecting buildings

# 9. Adjourn

Next meeting **Wednesday**, **June 14**, **2023** in person & Via Zoom 2:00 – 4:00