



Accessibility Advisory Committee

Wednesday May 19th 2021
VIA Zoom

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Minutes

In attendance: Denise Elliott, Shannon Gowans, Derrick Lavallee, Diane Morrell, Shirley Puulkinen, Carol Magnan, Dan Jennings, Tracey Galizia, Debbie Renaud, Councillor Marchy Bruni, Councillor Lisa Vezeau-Allen

Regrets: Craig Kohler, Don Calvert, Anne Marie Borkowski, Jordan Derochie

Guests: Rachel Tyczinski – City Clerk and Madison Zuppa - Deputy City Clerk
Virginia McLeod - Manager of Recreation and Culture , Margaret Hazelton – Recreation and Culture

Recorders: Nancie Scott- Accessibility Coordinator, Justine Palmer – City planning

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 April 14th, 2021 AAC minutes by Dan , seconded by Denise

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest- none

5. New Business

5.1. Voter Engagement – Rachel Tyczinski and Madison Zuppa

- Input provided to Clerks department and will be part of a report to council regarding voting methods
- People often experiencing the same barrier will have a different opinion of what works best for them. There is no one solution that works best for everyone
- Voting methods will be a decision made by council considering the input received from the public and AAC
- Vote from home assistance will continue regardless of the voting method(s) chosen
- Clerks will consider having places for people to sit while in line

5.2. Elliott Park, Pickle Ball Court development – Margaret Hazelton and Virginia McLeod

- Plan outlined to AAC
- At this time there are only updates happening to existing restrooms
- Suggested that in the future all project construction include larger gender neutral restrooms. This enables user who has a service provider of a different gender to assist when needed

5.3. Accessible transportation shortage

- Derrick Lavallee motion:

I move that City staff assess the shortage of wheelchair accessible transportation in the City of Sault Ste. Marie and report back to the AAC

Seconded by Lisa **CARRIED**

- Lisa to raise concern with Police Services Board next week.

6. Old Business

6.1. Autism strategy documents shared

- Birth – 16years roadmap
- 16 and over roadmap
- Services inventory list
- Sensory Spaces Design Standards

7. Other Business

- 7.1.** Pine and McNabb bus stop and lack of sidewalk are a concern for people in the area. This was brought up with transit and they are considering options. PWT to be contacted for input by Accessibility Coordinator

8. Barrier Removal items

- 8.1.** Barrier free parking violations – none in the past month

9. Sub Committee report – Diane sent report via email

Motion to adjourn – Diane Seconded by Shirley

Adjournment – 3:45

Next Meeting – June 9th, 2021,

2:00pm – 4:00pm

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