

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Ryan Billing, Chair
Ms. Janet Jones, Vice Chair
Ms. Shannon Stilnovich
Ms. Mary Ann Greenwood
Mr. Doug Hone
Councillor Dave LeSueur
Mr. Mel Watson

REGRETS:

Mr. Ryan Annable

STAFF:

Ms. Lynn Murray, Deputy City Clerk (Recording Secretary)

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Janet
Seconded by: Doug

THAT the Agenda for the October 22, 2013 meeting of Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

CHAIR'S REMARKS

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by: Janet
Seconded by: Dave

THAT the minutes of the Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting dated September 24, 2013 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The committee agreed that there needs to be a letter sent to the City regarding the inefficiencies with the patio at Blockhouse Island.

Ryan will follow up with Earle regarding the issues at the museum they had identified. (Outdoor railing and paper towel dispensers)

There was a discussion regarding traffic signals and a prioritized list of intersections that the committee has developed which they would like audio signals installed. Ryan would like to revisit the list and follow up for intersections that are not out fitted yet.

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Dawn Edgley
CARP - A New Vision of Aging for Canadians

Ms. Edgley explained that CARP (Canadian Association of Retired People) it is a non-profit, non-partisan membership organization for people age 45 and up, and those of any age who love and care for them.

She added that CARP is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for Canadians as they age. They lead positive social change and deliver value to members through information, advocacy and service. In addition CARP also provides a wide range of unique benefits, products and services to their members.

Ms. Edgely then over viewed a designation that they are hoping to attain for this city, it is called the Age-Friendly City. She explained that the Age Friendly City provides services, policies and spaces that will better the life of people of all ages. She added that they have three basic principles; Participation, Access and Independence.

Her group feels very strongly towards this vision as our City and surrounding area have an ever growing senior population.

Ms. Edgely is looking for the committee's support and assistance in attaining this goal. They will be putting together a "Strategic Planning" Committee and they would like a member from BMAAC to be part of this committee.

The Committee was receptive to this idea but Ryan feels that this needs to go before council to ensure we have their approval.

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

1. Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration
Call for nominations for the June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for
Voluntarism Ontario

There was no discussion on this matter.

STAFF REPORTS

Nil.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Public Meeting Accessibility Policy Development

Ryan spoke about the draft "Accessible Meeting Guidelines" he had circulated. The committee will review and comment so that they can move forward with a final draft at the next meeting.

In order to expedite these guidelines Doug offered that with the permission of the seconder he would rescind his motion from the September 24, 2013 meeting.

Moved by: Doug
Seconded by: Janet

THAT the following motion be rescinded;

THAT all City meetings have assisted hearing devices readily available; and

THAT there be signage in the lobby entrance and in Council Chambers indicating these devices are available; and

THAT literature and articles in print about the accessibility of the meeting be made clear so that individuals wishing to attend who have any accessibility concerns can contact the Clerk's Office; and

THAT the Chair-person of each meeting make an announcement prior to the start of the meeting that these devices are available.

The committee feels it is necessary to add funding to the 2014 Budget for accessible communication, they followed up with the following motion:

CARRIED

Then the committee passed the following in order to have money available for interpreters and closed captioning as required at public meetings.

Moved by: Janet

Seconded by: Mary Anne

THAT the city allot \$10,000 in the 2014 budget for expenses related to accessibility communications for public meetings and it be included within the Clerk's budget.

CARRIED

CAPITAL BUDGET - REVIEW

Nil.

SUB-COMMITTEE AND MEMBER REPORTS/PROJECT UPDATES

Nil.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Janet

Seconded by: Shannon

THAT the BMAAC meeting be adjourned until its next regular meeting scheduled for November 26, 2013.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:39 pm.