

Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

Tuesday, October 25, 2016, 1:30 pm
City Hall, Boardroom

Committee Minutes

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Ryan Billing, Chair
Mr. Doug Hone
Ms. Meghan MacDonald
Councillor M. Kalivas

ABSENT:

Ms. Colleen Cooke
Ms. Mary Ann Greenwood
Mr. Mel Watson

STAFF:

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

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Mike
Seconded by: Doug

THAT the Agenda for the October 25, 2016 meeting of Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved as amended.

CARRIED

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Ryan introduced Meghan MacDonald a new member to the Committee. He asked Meghan to tell the group a little about herself. Meghan explained that working with persons with disabilities to find employment is the main focus of her job. As well, she volunteers with various groups within the city.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by: Mike
Seconded by: Doug

THAT the minutes of the Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting dated September 27, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Trail at Tall Ships

Ryan confirmed that the path south of the Tall Ships building is not part of the Brock Trail. Lynn stated that the official Brock Trail goes north of the building onto Flint Street before heading south again to the waterfront. The Committee felt there should be signage at this point directing people to follow the official trail.

Ryan stated that he will speak with the owners of The Tall Ships regarding the speed bumps on their trail and additional solutions so they can be removed.

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

Nil.

CAPITAL BUDGET - REVIEW

1. Doug asked that the \$50,000 listed as an estimate for the Laurier Hill Project be tagged as "proposed" as no budget has been created and the committee has not actually voted on the amount committed.

SUB-COMMITTEE AND MEMBER REPORTS/PROJECT UPDATES

1. No Scent Policy

Lynn informed the Committee that the policy has been shut down by Human Resources. They felt that it would be difficult to enforce. Doug stressed that, this Committee is an advisory Committee to Council. Doug added that the Federal and Provincial governments have no scent policies as well as the Ontario Human Rights Commission. He feels, by not implementing this type of policy they are falling behind. Doug doesn't understand how staff can derail it, when it is ultimately Council's decision.

Mike suggested that they should postpone further discussion on this topic as they have more timely issues to deal with in order to get them in for the 2017 budget. They agreed that they will revisit this policy in the new year.

2. Accessibility Plan Development

Ryan circulated a list of barriers and time frames for having them removed. The Committee members added their input. Mel, via email, suggested that "safety issues" need to be added to deal with issues identified, specifically on the Brock Trail included. In addition he would like the lack of accessible parking along the waterfront included. Doug requested that all the motions made at the May 2016 meeting be included.

Ryan suggested that they add an additional column that would list "whom" would be responsible for addressing the barrier. He will revise the list and re-circulate for approval at the next meeting.

3. Laurier Hill Project

The Committee discussed the fact that no budget has been presented by the Rotary Club yet. Ryan will get in touch with Brent Collett of the Rotary Club to find out if he has initial numbers yet. Ryan also mentioned correspondence he received from the Rick Hansen Foundation, regarding grants that this project may qualify for.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Mike

THAT the BMAAC meeting be adjourned until its next regular meeting scheduled for November 22, 2016.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:39 pm.