



Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

Tuesday, September 22, 2015, 1:00 pm
City Hall, Boardroom

AGENDA

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Disclosure of Interest

Approval of the Agenda

THAT the Agenda for the September 22, 2015 meeting of Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

Chair's Remarks

Adoption of the Minutes

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THAT the minutes of the Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting dated July 28, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

New Business Arising from the Minutes

Delegations/Presentations

Nil.

Correspondence & Communications

Nil.

Staff Reports

Nil.

New Business

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1 Wheelchair By-law Policy

Capital Budget - Review

1 Will be circulated at the meeting.

Sub-Committee and Member Reports/Project Updates

- 1 Brock Trail Audit Update

Closed Meeting

Adjournment

THAT the BMAAC meeting be adjourned until its next regular meeting scheduled for October 27, 2015.

Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

Tuesday, July 28, 2015, 1:00 pm
City Hall, Boardroom

Committee Minutes

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Ryan Billing, Chair
Ms. Mary Ann Greenwood
Mr. Doug Hone
Mr. Mel Watson
Councillor L. Bursey

ABSENT:

Mr. Joseph Boisvenue
Ms. Colleen Cooke

STAFF:

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

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Doug
Seconded by: Mel

THAT the Agenda for the July 28, 2015 meeting of Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Nil.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by: Leigh

Seconded by: Mary Ann

THAT the minutes of the Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting dated June 23, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Pedestrian Travel Concern Sheet

Ryan has spoken with Conal Cosgrove and Paul McMunn in Operations about her suggestion of adding a crosswalk over King St. West at McCreedy or Mable streets. Operations feels due to the curve near that part of King Street a crosswalk would be too dangerous. Ryan confirmed they are working on this issue and he has left a message with the concerned resident but has not received a call back as of yet.

2. Tactile Sidewalks

Ryan discussed the implementation of the tactile sidewalks and the Committee's concerns over the winter maintenance requirements. Conal confirmed that he will be suggesting the metal set in cement, and it apparently stands up well to our climate.

3. Summer meetings

The Committee decided that they will meet in August as they are involved in some ongoing projects.

4. Wheelchair By-law

Ryan shared the by-law with Police Chief Fraser and he is in full support of the by-law. Ryan will forward the Chief's comments to the Committee members.

5. Accessible tables for parks

Ryan shared the Committees recommendations with Conal Cosgrove. Conal agrees on the placement of the tables but suggested that Rotary Park be added. Ryan proposed that another 7 tables be added. He shared that he is using a formula from the City of London's; "Facility Accessibility Design Standards" to decide on number of accessible tables are required.

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. John Taylor
(Brock Trail Committee)

John Taylor, Chair of the Brock Trail Committee reviewed the map highlighting the current and proposed improvements to the trail. John described the three projects that are to be completed this summer; the Grist Mill Bridge and temporary trail across the Wayfare property; St. Lawrence Park to Cedar Street and Perth Street to William Street.

John informed the Committee that they have a new organization called "Friends of the Brock Trail" who are a group of citizens working together for the betterment of the trail. They have a website www.brocktrail.ca, a Facebook page (Friends of the Brock Trail) and an email address brocktrail@brockville.com.

John stated that through discussions with Mel the Brock Trail committee hoped to have BMAAC endorse the trail and with BMAAC assistance ensure the trail is accessible.

Doug reported that he had begun an audit of the Trail in 2013 and he will forward it to John and the committee members.

Mel had drafted a proposal to Audit the Brock Trail. He spoke specifically to the "Key Parameters". The committee discussed an adequate approach and their ability to interpret the legislation. Mel will revise his audit to reflect the changes discussed.

John asked if the committee could also prioritize the areas that need attention.

Ryan thanked John for attending on behalf of the committee.

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

Nil.

STAFF REPORTS

Nil.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consolidated Audit Checklist - LGAAC, BMAAC and EQA

Doug Helmer of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Accessibility Advisory Committee would like to see all the local accessibility groups share an Audit Checklist. The Committee agreed that this would be a good idea, but they are content with theirs as it stands.

CAPITAL BUDGET - REVIEW

Nil.

SUB-COMMITTEE AND MEMBER REPORTS/PROJECT UPDATES

1. Para Transit Update

Ryan informed that the report to accept and award the contract is going to Council tonight. The contract is being awarded to Voyager Transportation Services of London, Ontario. Ryan added that this contract is a little different than the previous one as they are now required to provide the vehicles. He was unhappy to hear that the Accessible Taxi was not included in the tender. Although, Paul McMunn said this is in the early stages and something may still be negotiated. Ryan stated that they intend to run 3 vehicles and keep a 4th as backup.

2. Brockville Gymnastics - lease agreement

Mel offered that he hadn't been able to get down to the facility to do a review. After a review of the lease agreement it looks like City staff should be the ones looking for quotes on the doors. Ryan will send out the quotes for accessible doors he had received from staff at the Academy.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Doug

THAT the BMAAC meeting be adjourned until its next regular meeting scheduled for August 25, 2015.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CORNWALL

By-law #037-2004

A By-law to to a further amend the Traffic and Parking By-law 069-1989
by adding the Definitions and Interpretations of "Pedestrian" and "Wheelchair"

WHEREAS The Transportation Section has received direction from Council to address concerns from close to 1000 residents regarding safe operation of Motorized Wheelchairs, also commonly known as "medical scooters" or "disable scooters/wheelchairs", upon city streets and sidewalks; and

WHEREAS in order to improve the safe operation of motorized wheelchairs, as well as motorists and pedestrian's safety on City streets and sidewalks, elemental rules for wheelchair's operation upon City highways and sidewalks are necessary, in order to achieve consistency throughout the City. The set of rules will also serve as a toll for the disable community to advise their members with respect to how to drive in a more consistent and safer manner on City streets and sidewalks in accordance to the proposed by-law amendment; and

WHEREAS to achieve this, it is desirous to implement the proposed by-law amendment to the Traffic and Parking by-law, as per the motion carried by City Council at its regular meeting of February 9, 2004.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CORNWALL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

Pursuant to Sections 8, 9 and 11 of the Municipal Act and Section 185(2) of the Highway Traffic Act. and amendments, the Traffic and Parking by-law 069-1989 is amended by **adding** thereto the following:

Definitions and Interpretations:

- (32) **"pedestrian"** means:
- (a) a person on foot, or
 - (b) a child, or other person in a wheeled chair, baby carriage, or toy vehicle being carried and propelled by another person on foot.
- (48) **"wheelchair"** means a chair mounted on wheels driven by muscular or any other kind of power and used for the carriage of a person who has a physical defect or disability.

Part B - TRAFFIC

WHEELCHAIRS

- (50.A) (1) A person driving a wheelchair upon a roadway shall:

- (a) drive as near the right-hand side of the roadway as practical, and
 - (b) exercise due care when passing a parked, stopped or standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.
 - (c) bear the slow moving vehicle sign required by the Highway Traffic Act. Regulation 616 and comply with any other provisions required by any applicable legislation, including Regulation 625 of the Highway Traffic Act.
 - (d) be equipped with mirrors attached to the wheelchair or to the operator and placed in such a position as to afford the operator a clearly reflected view of the roadway in the rear, or of any vehicle approaching from the rear.
- (2) A person driving a wheelchair upon a roadway designated for one-way traffic shall:
- 1. obey and follow the designated one way street direction.
 - (b) drive as near the right-hand side of the roadway as practicable, and
 - (c) exercise due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.
- (3) Persons driving wheelchairs upon a roadway shall do so in single file.
- (4) When on the roadway at any time from one-half hour before sunset to one-half hour after sunrise and at any other time when, due to insufficient light or unfavourable atmospheric conditions, persons and vehicles on the highway are not clearly discernible at a distance of 150 meters or less, a wheelchair shall carry on the front thereof a lighted lamp displaying a white or amber light and on the rear thereof a lighted lamp displaying a red light.
- (5) No person driving a wheelchair shall carry any package, bundle or article which prevents the operator from keeping both hands on the handle bars or joystick control.
- (6) No wheelchair towing, hauling, pulling or pushing any kind of attachment, except those provided by the manufacturer as integral part of the equipment for the wheelchair, shall be operated upon a public highway or sidewalk.
- (7) No operator of a wheelchair shall permit any person riding upon a bicycle, coaster, roller skates, skis, wagon, toboggan, sled, or toy vehicle to attach the same, himself or herself to the wheelchair.
- (8) No person shall park a wheelchair on a highway except in such a manner as to cause the least possible obstruction to pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

- (9) No wheelchair shall be operated upon a public highway or sidewalk except for the purpose of the carriage of a person who has a physical defect or disability.
- (10) No wheelchair carrying more than one person shall be operated upon a public highway or sidewalk.
- (11) A person driving a wheelchair upon the sidewalk shall:
 - (a) drive as near the right-hand side of the sidewalk as practical, and
 - (b) exercise due care, slowing down, even coming to a full stop as the case may require, when encountering oncoming pedestrians or while overtaking pedestrians proceeding in the same direction, always yielding the right-of-way to pedestrians.
 - (c) be equipped with mirrors attached to the wheelchair or to the operator and placed in such a position as to afford the operator a clearly reflected view of the sidewalk in the rear, or of any pedestrian approaching from the rear.

Also, the Traffic and Parking by-law 069-1989 is amended by repealing thereto the following:

- (32) “**pedestrian**” means:
 - (a) a person on foot, or
 - (b) an invalid, child, or other person in a wheeled chair, baby carriage, or play vehicle;

Read a first and second time, in open Council, this 23rd day of February, 2004.

DENISE LABELLE-GÉLINAS, CLERK

MAYOR PHIL POIRIER

Read a third and final time, signed and sealed in open Council this 23rd day of February, 2004.

DENISE LABELLE-GÉLINAS, CLERK

MAYOR PHIL POIRIER