

Committee Minutes

Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

Tuesday, July 23, 2013, 1:00 p.m. City Hall, Boardroom

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Ryan Billing, Chair

Ms. Janet Jones, Vice Chair

Ms. Mary Ann Greenwood

Mr. Doug Hone

Ms. Shannon Stilnovich

REGRETS:

Mr. Ryan Annable Mr. Ted Burbridge

Councillor Dave LeSueur

STAFF:

Ms. Vicki Baker, Clerk's Secretary (Recording Secretary)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Janet

Seconded by: Mary Ann

THAT the Agenda for the July 23, 2013 meeting of Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Nil.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by: Janet

Seconded by: Shannon

THAT the minutes of the Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting dated June 25, 2013 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. City Taxis

THAT BMAAC is interested in the City purchasing an accessible vehicle with the purpose of leasing it to a local taxi provider to be considered in the 2014 budget deliberations.

Moved by: Janet

Seconded by: Mary Ann

CARRIED

Ryan read an e-mail from Sandi Seale, City Clerk, concerning the leasing of an accessible taxi. (see attached e-mail). He stated that BMAAC would purchase the vehicle and lease it out. Ryan said that they could also look at corporate sponsoring to assist with the cost. Mary Ann said that most corporations would require a tax receipt and BMAAC cannot do that. Doug stated that nothing would be purchased without a signed agreement in place.

Ryan wondered what would happen to the vehicle when the agreement ran out and they need to discuss what the agreement terms would be.

Mary Ann suggested talking with Community Involvement as they had recently purchased two new vehicles.

Ryan said that he would not want this to be a short term solution.

2. Tourism Office

Ryan has not heard back from Steve Weir of the Tourism Office concerning the new location of the Tourism Office and will get an update from him when Steve contacts him.

3. Brockville Public Library

Ryan said that the Library has been given the "go ahead" from BMAAC to get the accessible doors and the light motion sensors in the washrooms installed.

4. Blockhouse Island Canteen

Janet stated that the north side door to the building that houses the washrooms is blocked off as there is now a shop in that area. She said that she has concerns as to the way the patio is set up. Ryan stated that he would look into these matters.

5. Brockville Museum

Janet said she has called the Museum to schedule a meeting concerning a previous building audit but has not heard back from them.

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

Nil.

STAFF REPORTS

Nil.

CAPITAL BUDGET - REVIEW

Nil.

SUB-COMMITTEE AND MEMBER REPORTS/PROJECT UPDATES

1. Rotary Building Update

Ryan said that when he talked with Brockville Gymnastics concerning the renovation, they had a legal matter to settle. He said he would look further into that.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review of Accessibility Plan/Upgrades

This item was discussed during the minute review.

2. Accessible Community Gardens

Ryan informed the committee that there was a community garden at the Gord Watts Municipal Centre and it is very well attended. It has a committee that consists of a group of volunteers that oversee the garden project. There is no further room to expand, so plans are to review and look for future space because of the demand. The committee would like two additional spaces for these gardens and they should have accessible components to them such as raised beds and wider pathways. Ryan stated that there is a student involved in the summer program that makes raised beds and Ryan will meet with him to discuss this for next year.

3. Rotary Field House

Mary Ann read sections of the audit report. She explained that there is a concrete wall that needs to be removed and that it should be a capital project.

Ryan stated that he would like to talk with Sandi Seale, City Clerk, to discuss this project. He said that BMAAC could not do projects of this scope. Ryan is on the Rotary Committee and will ask Brent Collette about funding from Rotary and what they would be willing to do.

The committee discussed the no fire alarms or fire exits in the building. (see audit report). Ryan stated that he would inquire if this met fire code.

Mary Ann said that there are locked gates across the parking lot most of the time. Ryan said he would inquire why they are needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Doug

Seconded by: Shannon

THAT the BMAAC meeting be adjourned until its next regular meeting scheduled for August 27, 2013.

CARRIED

Ryan asked the committee if they wished to meet in August. All were in favour of not meeting until September 2013.