



City of Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

1:00 PM - Tuesday, April 23, 2024
City Hall, Council Chambers

The Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting was called to order on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 1:00 PM, in the City Hall, Council Chambers, with the following present:

Members Present: Greg Bamber, Mary Ann Greenwood, Doug Hone, Janet Jones, and Louise Severson
Regrets:
Staff: Sheena Earl, City Clerk and Lynn Murray, Deputy City Clerk

1. Chair's Remarks

Chair Jones stated that it was a wonderful meeting this morning with other AACs, adding there are some good things coming up and said she is happy to see that transportation is key in all municipalities.

Chair Jones introduced Matt Wilson, who was a previous member of this committee, and said he wishes to draw attention to accessible issues in the city.

M. Wilson proposed to speak to City Council and ask their participation in negotiating around the city in a wheelchair to identify challenging areas.

The Committee they can either borrow a chair or M. Wilson had agreed to loan his.

The Committee discussed M. Wilson applying to be a delegation at the Council during accessibility week (May 28th).

2. Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

3. Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by: Member Hone

Seconded by: Member Bamber

THAT the minutes of the Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting dated March 26, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Delegations/Presentations

Nil.

5. Correspondence & Communications

Nil.

6. Staff Reports

Nil.

7. New Business

1. Review of Accessibility Group Meeting
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Member Bamber noted that the group from North Grenville mentioned they have added a new accessible dock. He explained that he and Chair Jones had just done a site visit at the new kayak launch at St. Lawrence Park, stating it looks great. In addition, he said they drove around blockhouse and felt this may be a good place for an accessible dock which there currently is not. Member Bamber said this is a Tourism factor as well.

Co-Chair Greenwood said the meeting went extremely well and was happy to see they will be meeting again on October 22nd, 2024.

L. Murray reminded the committee that they will need to consider who may want to be part of the Accessibility Summit planning committee.

8. Sub-Committee and Member Reports/Project Updates

1. Terms of Reference - BMAAC input included

Members discussed the need to reinstate the annual presentation to Committee/Council to update them on what BMAAC has achieved and are currently working on.

The Committee suggested new wording regarding reporting. "That BMAAC shall report through the Planning and Development Committee to City Council. The BMAAC may also provide recommendations to other Committees, when relevant."

S. Earl asked the group if they felt offering a virtual meeting option would be supported. The Committee agreed that a hybrid meeting would be good. They indicated that transportation poses a challenge for those with mobility issues who require para transit, and unpredictable barriers can occur in the winter months.

S. Earl said she will follow-up with staff in the Transportation Department to see if a Para Transit bus could transport a couple of members to and from these monthly meetings.

The Committee discussed adding a question on the bottom of the volunteer application asking if they require any supports to get and participate in meetings.

Moved by: Member Hone
Seconded by: Member Jones

THAT BMAAC recommend that Council adopt the Terms of Reference as amended.

CARRIED

2. Multi-year Accessibility Plan

The Committee discussed the changes that had been suggested and noted that they have been included in the revised version.

Moved by: Member Jones
Seconded by: Member Hone

THAT the committee recommend Council adopt the Multi Year Accessibility Plan.

CARRIED

3. Accessibility Awards

The Committee reviewed the proposed list of 2024 award recipients. With respect to one proposed recipient, staff offered to seek some additional background information and report back to the Committee via email before the May 28th Council meeting.

4. New Items

The Committee will discuss opportunities for building audits as it was determined to be an important role of the Committee. Staff and members discussed the importance of effective communication and collaboration amongst staff the members.

9. Adjournment

Moved by: Member Hone

Seconded by: Member Greenwood

THAT the BMAAC meeting be adjourned until its next regular meeting scheduled for May 28, 2024.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:03 pm.