



Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

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

Committee Minutes

ROLL CALL:

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

STAFF:

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

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Doug
Seconded by: Mary Ann

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

CARRIED

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Ryan expressed his concern regarding the occasions when providing an accommodation for someone can actually create a barrier for others. He feels that sometimes providing the accommodation is simply impractical. Some of the smaller businesses can't afford what is being requested. He offered the example of interpretive services and the costs associated with providing this service. Ryan feels that it really has to make sense for everyone.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by: Mary Ann

Seconded by: Mel

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

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Pedestrian Travel Concern Sheet

Ryan noted that he had spoken with the complainant and shared the operations department's comments, and assured her they are still working on a solution.

2. Tactile Sidewalks

Ryan said he had met with Conal and the City has chosen metal plates for the tactile surface. Apparently Conal felt the plastic type would not hold up to the winter climate and winter maintenance.

3. Accessible Tables for Parks.

Ryan, Mel and Doug have decided this project should go on hold while they complete the Brock Trail audit. They will then revisit the numbers and distribution to move forward with recommendations in the spring.

4. Para Transit Update

Ryan shared that he has spoken with Paul McMunn and Paul will be meeting with the new contractor soon. He added that they will discuss, at that time, the need for an accessible taxi in their fleet.

5. Brockville Gymnastics Club

Many of the members have visited the site and feel that they should offer to pay for one accessible door.

Moved by: Mary Ann
Seconded by: Leigh

THAT the Committee fund the installation of an accessible door at the front entrance of the Gymnastics Building to a maximum cost of \$5,000.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

Nil.

STAFF REPORTS

Nil.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Wheelchair By-law Policy

Ryan reported that he has shared Cornwall's By-law with the Police Chief (Scott Fraser) and he is in complete support.

The Committee discussed the fact that maybe there should be an all-encompassing by-law to deal with any electric powered vehicles that would use the roads.

Moved by: Leigh
Seconded by: Mary Ann

THAT BMAAC requests staff to draft a by-law regarding the operation of all electronic vehicles on city streets.

CARRIED

2. Rotary Field House - added to the agenda.

Ryan received an email from Brent Collett of the Brockville Rotary Club. The club is proposing funding renovations at the field house and was wondering if the committee would consider partnering with them and funding an accessible playground.

The members were in favour of this idea and will get more details from the Rotary Club.

CAPITAL BUDGET - REVIEW

Lynn said there has been no expenses go through the account yet this year. The current balance is \$74,928.

SUB-COMMITTEE AND MEMBER REPORTS/PROJECT UPDATES

1. Brock Trail Audit Update

Ryan said that Doug, Mel and himself had met with John Taylor, Alan Medcalf and Conal of the Brock Trail Committee and discussed the committee's expectations. Mel stated that the real purpose of the audit is to identify dangerous areas as well as maintenance issues that would pose problems for wheelchairs, scooters etc. Ryan explained that once the audit is complete they will create a database and share this with the Brock Trail Committee.

Ryan also described the proposed signage that would indicate to a user of the trail the danger levels; for example a steep area would be signed as such.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Leigh Seconded by: Mary Ann

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:29 pm.