



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.