
AGENDA

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Disclosure of Interest

Approval of the Agenda

THAT the Agenda for the August 26, 2014 meeting of Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

Chair's Remarks

Adoption of the Minutes

3 - 6 *THAT the minutes of the Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting dated June 24, 2014 be adopted as circulated.*

New Business Arising from the Minutes

Delegations/Presentations

Nil.

Correspondence & Communications

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Staff Reports

Nil.

Capital Budget - Review

15 1 August 2014 Update

Sub-Committee and Member Reports/Project Updates

Nil.

New Business

- 1 Visual Alarm Systems
- 2 Museum Accessibility relating to Budget Items
- 3 BMAAC Awards date
- 4 Building Audits - Museum and Library

Adjournment

THAT the BMAAC meeting be adjourned until its next regular meeting scheduled for September 23, 2014.

Committee Minutes

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Ryan Billing, Chair
Ms. Janet Jones, Vice Chair
Mr. Joseph Boisvenue
Ms. Mary Ann Greenwood
Mr. Doug Hone
Ms. Shannon Stilnovich
Mr. Mel Watson

ABSENT:

Mr. Ryan Annable
Councillor M.J. McFall

STAFF:

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

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Mary Ann
Seconded by: Janet

THAT the Agenda for the June 24, 2014 meeting of Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Nil.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by: Doug
Seconded by: Janet

THAT the minutes of the Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting dated May 27, 2014 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Regarding needs for the accessible picnic tables in parks, Conal will get the total number of picnic tables then the committee can figure out what percentage should be accessible.

Ryan would like to see the Visual Alarm project get going. He will follow up with Greg Healy.

Ryan and Conal have reviewed pictures taken of The Crow's Nest patio on Blockhouse Island. Ryan drew Conal's attention to areas where the patio does not meet accessible requirements. Conal will address these concerns with the patio owner.

Ryan has requested a quote from Falcon Security to place a call button outside the Tourism office (Market St. W.) for individuals who may be unable to access the building.

Mel shared a drawing/map he has been working on indicating the most accessible routes throughout the downtown area. The committee was very impressed and Ryan thanked Mel for all his hard work thus far.

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

Nil.

STAFF REPORTS

Nil.

CAPITAL BUDGET - REVIEW

Nil.

SUB-COMMITTEE AND MEMBER REPORTS/PROJECT UPDATES

Nil.

NEW BUSINESS

11.1 StrawBeary Festival attendance

The organizer asked Janet if the committee would like to participate. They agreed and will bring their own table. They were hoping to find a shelter for that day as well. Shannon and Janet are working on updating the board.

11.2 BMAAC Awards

Ryan felt it would be best to move the presentation to the afternoon as at 11:30 am there won't be many people in the park. The committee felt 2:00 pm would be better. Janet will contact the organizer regarding changing the time. They were hoping to recognize Doug Mather so they will have to see if he is available.

Ryan also feels that the award for businesses would be better suited at a Chamber Event.

11.3 CHS - Video Contest

Janet said that the video contest is over and she will report back on the results.

11.4 Update from LGAAC Meeting

Janet stated that she had been at the last meeting and found it very interesting. She explained that they are renovating a boardroom and raising the floor. Their wish is to raise it enough that they can disperse of their lift and replace with a ramp. Janet said they will be looking for a new home for this lift which is approximately 24 inches.

11.5 Summer meeting schedule - Lynn

The Committee decided not to have a meeting in July but still go ahead with an August meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Janet
Seconded by: Doug

THAT the BMAAC meeting be adjourned until its next meeting scheduled for August 26, 2014.

CARRIED

**MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING****New Accessibility Amendments to Ontario's Building Code**

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The effective date of the amendment is January 1, 2015.

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Five accessibility standards are already in regulation under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act: Customer Service, Information and Communication, Employment, Transportation, and Design of Public Spaces. For more information on Accessibility Standards, please visit www.accesson.ca.

The new requirements apply to most new construction and extensive renovations. Existing buildings, where no work is planned, are not affected by these new requirements. Houses, including semi-detached houses, townhouses and duplexes, are

not affected by most accessibility requirements, with the exception of smoke alarm requirements.

Amended requirements cover a range of areas, including:

- Requirements for visual fire alarms to be installed in all public corridors of multi-unit residential buildings and in all multi-unit residential suites
- Requirements for all smoke alarms in all buildings, including houses, to include a visual component
- Requirements for an elevator or other barrier-free access to be provided between storeys in most buildings, with some exemptions for small residential and business occupancy buildings
- Requirements for power door operators to be provided at entrances to a wider range of buildings, and at entrances to barrier-free washrooms and common rooms in multi-unit residential buildings
- Updated requirements for barrier-free washrooms and universal washrooms
- Requirements for barrier-free access to public pools and spas
- Updated requirements for accessible and adaptable seating spaces in public assembly buildings such as theatres, lecture halls and places of worship

For more information on new requirements, see [Overview of Updated Accessibility Requirements](#).

In addition, the text of the amending regulation is available on E-Laws: [Ontario Regulation 368/13 - Amendment to Building Code Accessibility Requirements](#).

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Barrier-Free Path of Travel

Ontario's Building Code requires a barrier-free path of travel throughout most occupancies and building types. The Building

Code also sets a number of requirements related to common access and circulation throughout buildings. These include requirements related to building entrances, minimum doorway and corridor widths, ramp dimensions, passing and rest spaces, and turning spaces.

New amendments update these requirements in a number of ways. Key changes include:

- Requirements for power door operators to be provided at the entrance door and entry vestibule of most buildings
- Requirements for power door operators at the door to amenity rooms – such as party rooms or movie rooms for building residents – in multi-unit residential buildings
- Updated door width, hallway passing space and curb ramp dimensions
- New requirements for tactile walking surface indicators at the top of stairs and at platform edges, which help alert pedestrians with low vision that they are entering an area of potential hazard.

Access to All Storeys Within A Building - Elevators

Providing elevator access to all floors in a building allows visitors and occupants to travel throughout the building with ease, regardless of ability. A key change introduced with these amendments will make that a reality for many buildings across the province. Most new buildings will be required to provide barrier-free access between all floors, including assembly buildings (such as theatres, community centres, and places of worship), care buildings (such as long-term care homes), and commercial/retail buildings (such as supermarkets and shops). The same requirement will apply to residential and office buildings over three storeys in height or over 600 square metres in building area. This approach provides flexibility for small infill buildings, consistent with Ontario's goal of urban intensification and mainstreet redevelopment.

Some exemptions will apply. For example, some small group homes with under 10 occupants are already exempt from elevator requirements. This exemption will continue. In addition, restaurants will not be required to provide access to upper floors if the same amenities are provided on all floors – for example, if a bar or restaurant has a second or third storey with additional seating, access would not be required.

Finally, floors without elevator access have previously been exempt from full accessibility requirements. With these new amendments, those floors will have to be designed with basic accessibility features. Examples of these basic accessibility features are lever door handles, barrier-free doorways and ambulatory washroom stalls equipped with parallel grab bars and suitable for individuals with limited balance or who use assistive devices such as a cane or walker.

Visitable Suites in Apartment Buildings

New amendments increase from 10 per cent to 15 per cent the minimum number of suites within a multi-unit residential building that must be designed with basic accessibility features. These accessible features have also been updated, and will provide a barrier-free path of travel and doorway into a bedroom, full bathroom, kitchen and living room. These suites must be distributed throughout the building and must represent the types and sizes of suites otherwise available in the building.

Visual Fire Safety Devices

Approximately 10 per cent of Canadians report having a significant hearing problem. Visual fire alarms and smoke alarms equipped with a visual component are an important part of enhancing the safety and security of all Ontarians. New amendments expand the range of areas where visual fire alarms will be required, including in public corridors of all residential buildings, in all multi-unit residential suites, and in all barrier-free and universal washrooms.

Smoke alarms are required by the Building Code to be provided on every floor and in every sleeping room of residential buildings, including all houses. As of January 1, 2015, all smoke alarms will be required to include a visual component conforming to National Fire Protection Association standards.

Washrooms

The Building Code requires barrier-free washrooms to be provided in public areas of most buildings. These washrooms must be situated on a barrier-free path of travel and are subject to a number of requirements addressing turning space, doorway widths, grab bars, counter heights and signage, among others. The Building Code also sets requirements related to barrier-free showers and bathtubs.

New amendments update these requirements in a number of ways. Key changes include:

- Requirements for power door operators at the entrance door to all barrier-free and universal washrooms
- Amended mounting height and location requirements for washroom accessories such as towel dispensers and hand dryers
- New fold-down grab bar design options to allow for transfer space on both sides of the water closet
- Requiring an L-shaped grab bar in all cases and removing the option to provide a diagonal grab bar
- Increased minimum clear floor area in barrier-free washroom stalls required to allow for turning space

At least one universal toilet room would also be required in all buildings, and, for multi-storey buildings, at least one for every three floors. Space for an adult change table will have to be provided in all universal toilet rooms except in buildings under 300 square metres in building area.

Access to Pools and Spas

Pools and spas provide important recreational and exercise opportunities for many Ontarians of all ages and abilities. New amendments require barrier-free access to and around all public pools and some public spas, via ramps, transfer walls or pool lifts.

Accessible and Adaptable Seating Spaces

New amendments update requirements for accessible seating spaces provided in public assembly buildings, enabling people with disabilities to equitably and independently access educational and worship opportunities. In addition, new requirements address adaptable seating spaces suitable for a side transfer from a wheelchair, as well as storage spaces for wheelchairs and other mobility assistive devices. Accessible and adaptable seating spaces will be required to be distributed throughout the viewing area. Requirements for adjacent companion seating for accessible seating spaces will enable people of all abilities to enjoy these opportunities together in an integrated fashion.

Renovations

Renovation projects provide opportunities for enhanced accessibility in existing buildings. Currently, however, accessibility requirements in Ontario's Building Code only apply to extensive renovations undertaken in suites over 300 square metres in building area and located on an accessible floor level – i.e., on the main floor of a building or on a floor with elevator access. New amendments set out basic accessibility features that must be included in all extensive renovations, without regard to the size or height of the suite. Examples of these basic accessibility features are lever door handles, barrier-free doorways and ambulatory washroom stalls equipped with parallel grab bars and suitable for individuals with limited balance or who use assistive devices such as a cane or walker.

Extensive renovations in larger suites, or on an accessible floor level, will continue to be subject to all accessibility requirements set out in the Building Code.

About Ontario's Building Code

Ontario's Building Code establishes the minimum standards for the construction of the buildings in which all Ontarians live, work and play. By providing clear and consistent standards, Ontario's Building Code helps keep Ontarians safe, facilitates the work of builders and developers, and supports key government priorities. One of those key priorities is an accessible Ontario.

Barrier-free design requirements have been part of Ontario's Building Code since 1975. As part of achieving Ontario's goal of an accessible Ontario by 2025, Ontario is working to create a Building Code that demonstrates leadership in barrier-free design and is responsive to the needs and concerns of all its stakeholders.

About the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) became law on June 13, 2005. The purpose of the AODA is to benefit all Ontarians by developing, implementing and enforcing accessibility standards. The goal is to achieve accessibility for Ontarians with disabilities with respect to goods, services, facilities, accommodation, employment, buildings, structures and premises by January 1, 2025.

For more information on accessibility standards, please visit www.accesson.ca.

BMAAC Capital Project Expenditures

As at: August 21, 2014
(Unaudited)

REVENUES:

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contribution from Capital	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	17,000.00
Interest	-	-	-	-
Carry forward from Previous Year	19,786.00	(4,927.07)	40,072.93	57,928.43
Total Funds Available	64,786.00	40,072.93	85,072.93	74,928.43

EXPENDITURES:

Eastern Engineering - Doors at BAC				
Healey's Glass - Doors at BAC				
Eastern Engineering - Doors at BAC				
Cadieux Contracting - Barrier Free Washroom BAC				
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Sherwood & Son's Construction Co Limited - Remove Bus stop platform & pour new sidewalk				
Eastern Engineering - Doors at BAC				
Cadieux Contracting - Doors for Washroom at St. Lawrence Park				
Cadieux Contracting - Doors for Washroom at Hardy Park				
Recorder & Times - 1 Civic News ad & 2 ads for Accessible Doors				
Wiltse's inv. 2856 - Memorial Centre Doors				
JJ Jenson - Memorial Centre - sinks				
Sir Isaac Brock Court Yard - Barrier Free Walkways				
Trophies Plus - Signs Memorial Centre				
Linden Audio Council Chambers - audio system				
BAC - lift - committed funding				
Memorial Centre stage (Community Hall) - ESTIMATE				
Accessible Playground Structure - ALLOCATION (2009)				
AODA Standard compliance				
What If - flag design				
Eastern Engineering - Harbour				
Eastern Engineering - Arena's/Parks/Ball fields				
Henderson Recreation equipment - Benches				
Chevron Construction (work described below)	5,297.78			
Memorial Centre - concrete ramps				
James Auld - south door opener & north door concrete pad and opener				
Hardy Park - Concrete pads & asphalt walkways				
Hardy Park Gazebo and Ramp	11,820.41			
Memorial Centre doors	2,594.88			
Rotary Park	50,000.00			
Memorial Centre Community Hall - audio visual equipment			15,772.81	
Brockville Gymnastics Club - new door and sidelight				5,000.00
Office renovations - Clerk's Dept			6,034.37	
Brockville Public Library - light motion sensors and accessible doors			5,337.32	

*Total Expenditures	69,713.07	-	27,144.50	5,000.00
Unexpended funds to be carried forward to next year	(4,927.07)	40,072.93	57,928.43	69,928.43
<i>Cumulative Expenditures</i>	<i>331,215.07</i>	<i>331,215.07</i>	<i>358,359.57</i>	<i>363,359.57</i>
<i>* Expenditures are net of GST/HST</i>				