



Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

Tuesday, June 23, 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

ABSENT:

Mr. Joseph Boisvenue

STAFF:

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

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Mary Ann
Seconded by: Mel

THAT the Agenda for the June 23, 2015 meeting of Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Ryan noted that they are down a couple of members so they should start canvassing for some new members.

The Committee discussed a "Pedestrian Travel Concern Sheet" received from a city resident, who is legally blind, regarding crossing King Street West near the intersections of McCreedy and Maple. She would like to see a proper crosswalk installed. The group agreed this inquiry should be a priority. Ryan will take it up with Paul.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by: Doug
Seconded by: Mel

THAT the minutes of the Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting dated May 26, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Ryan noted that he has spoken with Paul McMunn regarding the bus stop accessibility and Paul has agreed to meet with the Committee.

Ryan will speak to Jane Fullarton, Chair of the Waterfront Committee to get Mel on an upcoming agenda to present his "Accessible Brockville" to that Committee.

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

Nil.

STAFF REPORTS

Nil.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tactile sidewalks

Ryan informed the Committee that as of January 2016, tactile sidewalks at intersections will be mandatory. He referred to the attached drawings and explained that Conal had forwarded them with hopes of getting the Committee's feedback. Colleen wondered if they would create problems during snow removal. Ryan felt that Conal would likely have spoken with other cities for best practices. Other than winter maintenance concerns the Committee was in full support of the tactile sidewalks.

2. Summer meeting schedule

After a short discussion the Committee decided to definitely keep the July date and talk then about whether there is a need to meet in August.

3. Brock Trail Extensions - Accessibility requirements

The Committee is adamant that signing be placed on the additions to the trail that are not on City property stating just that. Doug felt it would be beneficial if both the Brock Trail Committee and the BMAAC Committee could meet. Mel shared that he has spoken with John Taylor of the Brock Trail Committee and they would welcome the BMAAC Committees feedback. Ryan will invite John to an upcoming meeting.

CAPITAL BUDGET - REVIEW

SUB-COMMITTEE AND MEMBER REPORTS/PROJECT UPDATES

1. Wheelchair By-law

The Committee agreed that Cornwall's by-law is a good base and was in favour of most of it. Mary Ann was concerned that it overlooked the requirement that the sidewalk should be priority when it is available. Doug asked if there are any current policies in place. Ryan offered to consult with Police Chief Fraser and find out.

2. Brockville Gymnastics Academy - entrance doors

Ryan reported that the Brockville Gymnastics Academy has only obtained one quote for the accessible doors and it is much higher (\$15,000) than the one submitted a few years back when this project was originally identified. Mel offered to visit the site and review the current needs. The Committee would like to review the lease agreement before they recommend too many upgrades.

3. Accessible Tables for parks

Ryan thanked Doug for all the work he had done on the obtaining the maps and data base. Ryan had done site visits to most of these parks and made the following suggestions, 14 tables spread out in:

- St. Lawrence Park
- Centeen Park
- Blockhouse Island
- Memorial Hill

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Leigh
Seconded by: Colleen

THAT the BMAAC meeting be adjourned until its next regular meeting scheduled for July 28, 2015.

CARRIED