
ROLL CALL:

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

REGRETS:

Councillor Dave LeSueur
Mr. Ryan Annable
Mr. Mel Watson

STAFF:

Ms. Vicki Baker, Clerk's Secretary (Recording Secretary)

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Mary Ann
Seconded by: Janet

THAT the Agenda for the September 24, 2013 meeting of Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. Ryan discussed a situation that had been brought to his attention concerning a citizen who attended the OPP Contact Adhoc Committee Meeting in Council Chambers and was unable to hear the meeting. This incident was reported in the Recorder and Times newspaper under "Letters to the Editor".

Doug stated that all Council and Committee meetings should be fully accessible. Ryan suggested that there should be signage in the lobby of City Hall advising people that

headsets are available and can be requested in the Clerk's department. He also suggested that the chairperson of the meeting make an announcement that headsets are available to those who need them.

Moved by: Doug
Seconded by: Janet

THAT all City meetings have assisted hearing devices readily available; and

THAT there be signage in the lobby entrance and in Council Chambers indicating these devices are available; and

THAT literature and articles in print about the accessibility of the meeting be made clear so that individuals wishing to attend who have any accessibility concerns can contact the Clerk's Office; and

THAT the Chair-person of each meeting make an announcement prior to the start of the meeting that these devices are available.

CARRIED

2. Ryan stated that he has received many calls from organizations asking for letters of endorsement and support. Janet suggested doing a template.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by: Janet
Seconded by: Shannon

THAT the minutes of the Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting dated July 23, 2013 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Accessible Taxis

Mary Ann made a correction to the minutes of July 23, 2013 stating that BMAAC talk with Community Involvement as they had recently purchased a vehicle.

Moved by: Doug

Seconded by: Mary Ann

THAT BMAAC pursue corporate sponsorship to help off- set costs of operating the accessible taxi.

CARRIED

2. Tourism Office

Ryan talked with Steve Weir, Tourism Manager, and was told Tourism is moving into the Rowing Club on December 1, 2013. It is a temporary two year open lease.

3. Brockville Public Library

Janet said that she had been in the washrooms at the Library and stated that the accessible doors and the light motion sensors work very well.

4. Brockville Island Canteen

Ryan stated that he had received an e-mail from Glen Moore stating that a large part of Blockhouse Island is not accessible. Mel also met with Mr. Moore.

Ryan went down to Blockhouse Island and took pictures of different areas showing some deficiencies. He stated that the curb cuts are an issue and that having the patio makes it more inaccessible. Ryan said that he wanted this patio issue resolved before the 2014 season.

Moved by: Doug

Seconded by: Janet

THAT the report from Mel Watson concerning Blockhouse Island be accepted; and

THAT the Chair of the BMAAC Committee speak with Conal Cosgrove to discuss the issues in the report.

CARRIED

5.. Brockville Museum

Janet met with Natalie Wood and discussed the no railing issue at the main entrance of the Museum. Natalie recognizes the need for railings. Janet stated that this needs to be done before the winter snow and ice. Ryan stated that quotes would need to be received for this.

Janet said that there is no accessible parking in the area of the Museum. Doug feels that there should be at least one.

Janet stated that there also needs to be a ramp at the back door as there is no walkway. It goes right down onto the grass and this should be addressed.

Janet said that the washroom sink and hand towel dispenser is too high at the Museum. Ryan said that he would talk with Earle Moore, Arena and Facilities Supervisor.

Moved by: Janet
Seconded by: Mary Ann

THAT hand railings be installed at the main entrance to the Brockville Museum.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

Nil.

STAFF REPORTS

Nil.

CAPITAL BUDGET - REVIEW

Capital Update:

This item was not discussed at the meeting.

SUB-COMMITTEE AND MEMBER REPORTS/PROJECT UPDATES

Nil.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Joint Accessibility Meeting – September 16, 2013

Janet stated that the meeting consisted of EQA, BMAAC, Leeds & Grenville Accessibility Advisory Committee and there were also representatives from CARP and the Shepherd Centre. Janet said that CARP has access to funding and they would like to do some joint events. She suggested having a CARP representative attend the next BMAAC meeting.

2. Blockhouse Accessibility

This was discussed in the New Business Arising From Minutes.

3. StopGap Project TISS

Ryan stated there this is a group of students who have their own businesses and that BMAAC could promote those who construct and paint ramps for citizens.

Mary Ann stated that this was a good idea as the home owner would pay for the materials.

Ryan said that TISS was excited to look into this. He said that he hoped to have an update for the next BMAAC meeting.

4. National Seniors Day

Ryan said that this was taking place October 1, 2013 at City Hall.

5. May Court Accessibility

Nancy Kelly of May Court contacted Ryan and said that they would like their location to be accessible. Ryan stated that capital funds would not be available for that. Doug asked if BMAAC could suggest a funding source.

Doug was concerned with the ramp because of the driveway outside the door. Ryan said that he would go and look at the area.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Shannon
Seconded by: Doug

THAT the BMAAC meeting be adjourned until its next regular meeting scheduled for October 22, 2013.

CARRIED