

**Brockville Municipal
Accessibility Advisory Committee**

Tuesday, May 27, 2014, 1:00 p.m.
City Hall, Boardroom

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

ABSENT:

Mr. Ryan Annable
Mr. Mel Watson
Councillor M.J. McFall

STAFF:

Ms. Vicki Baker, Secretary Clerk (Recording Secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Mary Ann
Seconded by: Doug

THAT the Agenda for the May 27, 2014 meeting of Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Ryan said he had met with Councillor McFall. She informed Ryan that she goes through the minutes of each meeting and if there were any issues she would get in touch. She acknowledged that there may be times that she would need to step in and support some issues. Janet stated that maybe in the future the Councillor assigned to the BMAAC committee could meet with the committee in an informal setting to get to know them. Ryan suggested that when the new Council comes in at the end of the year the committee should be informed of who has been assigned.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by: Doug
Seconded by: Janet

THAT the minutes of the Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting dated March 25, 2014 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Ryan said he had not received an update regarding the visual alarms and he would be meeting with Conal tomorrow to discuss this.

Janet stated that there should be some discussion concerning the audio crosswalks. Joseph said that not all of them in the City were working. Ryan said he could think of eight locations in the City that need them and would like to approach the City about paying for some of them.

Ryan itemized a list he would be discussing with Conal:

1. Accessible picnic tables
2. Visual alarms
3. Crow's Nest patio
4. St. Lawrence College project
5. Blockhouse washrooms and doors blocked at the north entrance to the building and cannot access washrooms through the entrance.

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

Nil.

STAFF REPORTS

Nil.

CAPITAL BUDGET - REVIEW

Nil.

SUB-COMMITTEE AND MEMBER REPORTS/PROJECT UPDATES

Tourism Office

Ryan stated that he had talked with Steve Weir, Tourism and was told that their office would be staying in their present location for this year. Ryan and Steve discussed installing an accessible device outside the office to alert the Tourism office of customers needing assistance. This is something the committee would like to be completed for the 2014 summer season.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Accessible Tourism

Mel and Ryan met with Brenda Clarke, DBIA, Steve Weir and Chris Hum, Tourism, Bill Rogerson, Aquatarium. They would like to see a connection between the accessible locations; for example the Brockville Tunnel, Brock Trail, Cycling etc. They discussed the framework of a new tourism map for next year. Ryan said he would like to see it colour coded showing the best routes, accessible washrooms etc. Janet suggested getting the CNIB, March of Dimes and other like groups involved to get their input.

2. Bethune Street construction

Ryan felt that communication between BMAAC and the City was very poor concerning this project. Janet said that the issue of the five foot sidewalks' solution is not to remove one. Ryan said that he would like BMAAC to be involved in City projects and have some input before they go forward. Ryan stated that a letter did go to Conal and Peter concerning BMAAC's suggestion on the project.

Janet wanted to thank Ryan for all his work on this project.

Janet inquired why the plans for the patio at the Nakon Thai restaurant were not received by BMAAC. Vicki stated that they were sent by e-mail to Ryan.

3. Need to do list: accessible tables, Crow's Nest patio

These items were discussed earlier in the meeting.

4. BMAAC Awards

Janet suggested having the award ceremony during the Strawberry Social on July 1, 2014 celebrations. Ryan suggested that BMAAC set up their booth. Mary Ann asked if we still had the questionnaire. Vicki will check to see if the Clerk's office has this.

Doug suggested that the BMAAC business award could be presented at the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner. All thought that was a good idea. Ryan said he would approach the Chamber and get back to the committee.

Ryan said that the award going to Doug Mather should be done at the Strawberry Social on July 1, 2014. Shannon has the BMAAC information board and would like to put pictures up on it. Vicki will look to see what pictures the Clerk's Office has.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Mary Ann

Seconded by: Shannon Stilnovich

THAT the BMAAC meeting be adjourned until its next regular meeting scheduled for June 24, 2014.

CARRIED