



Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

Tuesday, April 28, 2015, 1:00 pm
City Hall, Boardroom

Committee Minutes

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT:

Councillor L. Bursey
Ms. Colleen Cooke
Mr. Mel Watson

STAFF:

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

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Doug
Seconded by: Shannon

THAT the Agenda for the April 28, 2015 meeting of Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Ryan offered that he will try to make a better effort to keep in touch over the time leading up to a meeting. They have had a couple of meetings cancelled due to lack of quorum. Ryan asked Lynn to send the address/link to the Civic Web portal so everyone can go there to catch up on minutes and agendas.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by: Mary Ann

Seconded by: Doug

THAT the minutes of the Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting dated January 27, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

Nil.

STAFF REPORTS

1. AODA 10th Anniversary Event - overview
April 22, 2015

Lynn gave a brief overview of the day. She explained that it was a "feel good" type day with many presenters. Included were speakers from the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games, who are coming to Toronto this summer, Manon Levesque from the City of Cornwall to speak about how far their municipality has come, Serge Falardeau from the Ottawa Hospital who spoke about their initiative "Accommodation 101" and their "Blue Tie Ambassadors" who are stationed at all hospital entrances to assist patrons accessing the hospital and Dean Mellway and Quayce Thomas from Carleton University Industrial Design department who spoke about their invitation to Jamaica to audit the country's parliament buildings.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Accessible Taxi/Water Taxi Access to Islands

<http://www.sagetraveling.com/wheelchair-accessible-water-taxis-in-venice>

Ryan offered a brief review of the website showing the accessible water taxis. He feels it would be a very viable business venture for anyone in the area since the City owns several islands. Ryan shared that very few City residents, even able bodied, have ever had the chance to visit one of the islands.

Ryan also spoke of Fernleigh Lodge who also provide accessible water travel.

2. Bus Stop Accessibility

Ryan thinks the committee should do an inventory of bus stops and how many of these stops are accessible. Also, if they aren't accessible comment on why and what needs to be approved. Once the inventory is complete we can share the results with Paul McMunn, Supervisor of Transportation Services. Ryan will circulate the photos via "Dropbox".

The committee agreed that this would help market the transit system as well.

Lynn shared the upcoming "information sessions" that the Cycling Committee is having to promote their proposed Cycling Network.

3. All Ships Festival

Ryan shared that he has spoken with Chris Hum, Events Coordinator at Brockville Tourism and he taking into consideration all the complaints, accessibility or not, that came out of the "Tall Ships Festival".

4. Promotion of Extended Bus Service

Ryan explained that he had talked with Paul McMunn regarding the promotion of the bus service. They had a second group go through the orientation on the regular bus system. They left the Library, had about 10 attendees and it lasted about 2 hours. Paul would like to run this as an

ongoing event; he will put posters in the para system to encourage more people to take part.

5. Brock Trail upgrades

The committee reviewed the drawing for the new Brock Trail Bridge to be installed behind the Mill Restaurant on Water Street. Conal asked Ryan to bring it to the committee for their input on the possibility of restaurant owner installing stairs off the bridge/trail to his parking lot.

The committee felt that the stairs would not be property of the City, therefore should they be installed, signage should be added to indicate that portion is not part of the Brock Trail.

6. Accessible apartments enquiry

Ryan was asked by Michael Jiggins of Steve Clark's office if the City has a list of accessible apartments. Doug offered that they currently have a list of apartments and landlords but do not know which if any are designated as accessible. Doug wondered if the City could contact them and through a few questions decide if they would be accessible.

Mary Ann suggested that Leigh Bursey might be a good contact.

7. Hand outs

Ryan circulated two handouts, Reaching out for Housing Solutions and Building Community Transportation for Everyone. Both were part of a newsletter produced by the Ministry of Community and Social Services called Spotlight on Transformation. Ryan just felt they contained useful pertinent information for the committee members.

CAPITAL BUDGET - REVIEW

1. Unaudited - March 19, 2015

No real discussion at this time.

SUB-COMMITTEE AND MEMBER REPORTS/PROJECT UPDATES

1. Conventional Bus Group Training update

This item was included in the discussion under Promotion of Extended Bus Service.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Doug

THAT the BMAAC meeting be adjourned until its next regular meeting scheduled for May 26, 2015.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.