

Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

Tuesday, January 26, 2016, 1:00 pm City Hall, Boardroom

Committee Minutes

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Ryan Billing, Chair

Ms. Colleen Cooke

Ms. Mary Ann Greenwood

Mr. Doug Hone

Councillor M. Kalivas

Mr. Mel Watson

STAFF:

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

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Mary Ann Seconded by: Doug

THAT the Agenda for the January 26, 2016 meeting of Brockville Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Ryan reported that he was very happy to see a business in the city taking extra steps to ensure their disabled parking spaces remained visible during the winter months by adding extra signage when original signs were blocked by snow banks.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by: Doug

Seconded by: Mary Ann

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

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Ryan explained he has plans to meet with Stephan of Home Depot regarding donating materials to the StopGap program. In addition he has spoken with administration at TISS and they are willing to get their construction students involved.

Doug suggested that Ryan contact David Grightmire of KMAAC as they have already begun implementation of this program, and he may be able to provide some insight.

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

Nil.

STAFF REPORTS

Nil.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Brock Trail Request

Ryan reported that he had spoken with John Taylor and they are looking for a contribution from the committee. Although they have not asked for a specific amount Ryan is aware that they have a \$70,000 shortfall. The

committee agreed that they can't promise anything until they feel the trail is accessible.

2. Waterfront Committee Presentation

Ryan explained that they hope to do a presentation to the Waterfront Committee identifying the areas of concern. Mel feels that the waterfront area and Blockhouse Island are the least accessible areas contained in the trail system.

3. Extended Transit Service

Ryan reported that a recommendation to extend the hours on the transit system permanently is going to Council tonight for approval. The committee is supportive but almost feels like the hours should be adjusted to start one hour earlier as well. They felt that if the buses began at 6 in the morning more people who start work at 7 would be more likely to take the bus. They identified that most of the businesses in the industrial park would have a start time of 7 am.

CAPITAL BUDGET - REVIEW

1. Review of Existing Projects/Requests for Costings

Lynn explained that there was little update to the financial report.

SUB-COMMITTEE AND MEMBER REPORTS/PROJECT UPDATES

1. Rotary Field House Project

Ryan said that Brent Collett of the Rotary Club is interested in partnering with BMAAC to get some projects done at the Field house. Ryan explained that he is still trying to get in touch with Earle Moore. Lynn suggested Ryan might try to contact Kevin Wright who is the new Facilities Technician to see if he can be of some help.

2. BMAAC Brock Trail Audit Review

Mel explained that they have completed the audit and have reported to the Brock Trail Committee areas they feel need to be addressed. He added that the waterfront area and Blockhouse Island are the red flags. Ryan said that the audit is being presented to the Waterfront Committee next month. Ryan suggested that during a discussion with Alan Medcalf it was apparent that the trail committee was focused right now on the connectivity of the trails.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Mel

THAT the BMAAC meeting be adjourned until its next regular meeting scheduled for February 23, 2016.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 2:33 pm.