

DATE: APRIL 26, 2012

MEETING NO. 05-2012

TIME: 1:37 P.M.

PLACE: THUNDER BAY 55 PLUS CENTRE
700 RIVER STREET

CHAIR: MS. T. SODERBERG

PRESENT:

Ms. C. Auger
Mr. M. Benninger
Mr. J. Duncanson
Councillor R. Johnson
Mr. D. Lillington
Ms. T. Soderberg
Mr. R. Wheeler

OFFICIALS:

Ms. D. Heinrich, Supervisor Community Partnerships
Mr. S. Holloway, Inclusion Coordinator
Mr. G. Stover, Committee Coordinator

GUESTS

Ms. L. McEachern, Manager – Planning Division
Mr. G. Neault, Brook McIlroy Inc.

ABSENT

Ms. S. Bryenton
Ms. K. Higginson
Mr. M. Rubenick
Mr. R. Sponchia
Ms. A. Vaillant

1.0 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

ACTION

The Chair welcomed those in attendance and members introduced themselves.

Mr. M. Benninger was introduced as the new Committee member representing the learning disability community.

2.0 COMMUNICATION PROCESS

The Chair provided an overview of the communication process and the speakers' list.

ACTION

3.0 AGENDA APPROVAL

MOVED BY: Mr. R. Wheeler
SECONDED BY: Ms. C. Auger

With respect to the April 26, 2012 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting, we recommend that the agenda as amended, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

4.0 URBAN DESIGN GUIDELINES PRESENTATION

Mr. G. Neault, Brook McIlroy Inc and Ms. L. McEachern, Manager – Planning Division provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions relative to the above noted:

- The Urban Design and Landscaping Guidelines were presented as a First Report to Committee of the Whole on April 23, 2012 and will be re-presented on May 28, 2012.
- Two public information sessions were held at the Da Vinci Centre.
- Committee input/feedback relative to the guidelines is appreciated.
- Accessibility is an important aspect of the plan.
- Compared the ideal example for an accessible street with a poor example.
- Minimum provincial guidelines are enforced but there is an on-going effort to incorporate further standards.
- Draft copy of the Urban Design Guidelines will be available on the City's website.

Discussion held relative to the following:

- Width and slope of sidewalks.
- Walking trails.
- Bus stops.
- Other accessibility documents aside from the AODA need to be consulted when implementing the guidelines such as the London Design Standards.
- Timing and audible crosswalk signals.

ACTION

5.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting No. 04-2012 of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, held on March 22, 2012 be confirmed.

MOVED BY: Mr. J. Duncanson
SECONDED BY: Mr. R. Wheeler

THAT the Minutes of Meeting No. 04-2012 of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, held on March 22, 2012 be confirmed.

CARRIED

6.0 ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE CHAIR

Mr. S. Holloway, Inclusion Coordinator advised the Committee that elections for Chair and Vice-Chair will occur at the next Committee meeting.

**Mr. G.
Stover**

7.0 IMPROVING FIRE SAFETY FOR VULNERABLE CANADIANS

Councillor R. Johnson provided an overview relative to the Ontario Fire Marshall's upcoming improvements safety requirements in residences for seniors, people with disabilities, and other vulnerable Canadians.

Discussion was held relative to Committee involvement in the improvement plans.

It was the consensus of the Committee to invite a representative from the local Fire Marshall office to a future Committee meeting.

**Mr. S.
Holloway**

ACTION

8.0 WORKING GROUP UPDATES

8.1 Terms of Reference

Mr. S. Holloway advised the Committee that the Terms of Reference working group has met to discuss an action plan for implementing the Terms of Reference.

8.2 Built Environment

Mr. S. Holloway provided an update relative to the Victoriaville Mall BMO location.

9.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

9.1 Follow-up on Accessibility Issues Identified by AAC during “Around the Table”

Mr. S. Holloway and Ms. D. Heinrich, Supervisor Community Partnerships advised the Committee that signals/ notifications will be available at the back of buses for rear-facing wheelchairs.

**Ms. D.
Heinrich**

9.2 Active Transportation Committee

This item was deferred to the next Committee meeting.

9.3 Public Art Committee

Ms. C. Auger advised the Committee that the building at Marina Park will have sections/ locations available for local artists to rent and display their work.

9.4 Walkability Committee

The Chair advised the Committee that a representative from the organization 8-80 Cities attended the previous Walkability Committee meeting and discussed walking in Thunder Bay and including an accessibility aspect in the organization’s plan.

ACTION

9.5 Service Animal Signage

Ms. D. Heinrich advised the Committee that the Service Animal Sign template has been made available for City departments to order from the City Print Shop and can be made to meet the various departments' sizing and product material requirements.

9.6 Committee Membership

Mr. S. Holloway and Mr. G. Stover, Committee Coordinator advised the Committee that applications for vacant positions will be advertised within the coming months.

10.0 NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 24, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. at 55 Plus Centre.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:34 p.m.