

**COMMITTEE:** Accessibility Advisory  
 Committee (AAC)

**MEETING NO.:** 01-2019

**TIME:** 1:30 – 3:30 P.M.

**DATE:** Thursday,  
 January 10, 2019

**PLACE:** West Thunder Community Centre  
 951 Edward Street, Thunder Bay

**CHAIR:** Ms. Tessa Soderberg / Mr. K. Crites

**MEMBERS:**

**SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE**

**OFFICIALS:**

Mr. K. Crites	- Mental Health
Mr. J. Gobeil	- Citizen at Large
Ms. R. Harrison	- Service Agency
Councillor R. Johnson	- Council Representative
Ms. T. Lennox	- Learning Disability
Mr. M. Rubenick	- Senior with a Disability
Mr. B. Spare	- Hard of Hearing/Late Deafened
Mr. R. Sponchia	- Development Disability
Ms. T. Soderberg	- Visually Impaired or Blind
Mr. R. Wheeler	- Brain Injury

Ms. K. Power, Deputy City  
 Clerk  
 Ms. F. Track, Committee  
 Coordinator

**RESOURCES:**

Mr. B. Maxwell, Inclusion  
 Services

**GUESTS:**

Ms. L. McEachern, Director –  
 Planning Services,  
 Development &  
 Emergency Services  
 Mr. G. Mason, Planner II -  
 Planning Services,  
 Development &  
 Emergency Services

**AGENDA**

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair, Ms. Soderberg, called the meeting to order and a roundtable of introductions followed.

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2. COMMUNICATION PROCESS

The Chair, Ms. T. Soderberg, provided an overview of the communication process and procedures. Mr. K. Crites agreed to keep the speaker's list.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOVED BY: Mr. K. Crites  
SECONDED BY: Ms. T. Lennox

With respect to the January 10, 2019 meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting No. 06-2018 and 07-2018 respectively of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, held on September 20, 2018 and December 13, 2018, to be confirmed.

MOVED BY: Mr. R. Sponchia  
SECONDED BY: Ms. T. Lennox

THAT the Minutes of Meetings No. 06-2018 and 07-2018 of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, held on September 20, 2018 and December 13, 2018, be confirmed.

CARRIED

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5. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Ms. F. Track provided an overview of the Chair's duties and duties of the Vice Chair and administered nominations for the position of Chair and Vice Chair.

Mr. K. Crites and Ms. T. Soderberg were nominated for the position of Chair, and agreed to let their names stand. AAC members decided to vote by secret ballot.

By a majority of votes by secret ballot, Mr. K. Crites was elected Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Ms. T. Lennox, Ms. T. Soderberg, and Mr. B. Spare were nominated for the position of Vice Chair. Ms. T. Soderberg withdrew her name from the nominations. Ms. Lennox and Mr. Spare agreed to let their names stand for the position of Vice Chair. AAC members decided to vote by secret ballot.

By a majority of votes by secret ballots, Mr. B. Spare was elected Vice Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

MOVED BY: Mr. R. Sponchia

SECONDED BY: Mr. J. Gobeil

WITH RESPECT TO the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, we recommend that Mr. K. Crites be appointed Chair and that Mr. B. Spare be appointed Vice Chair of the Committee for the remainder of the 2019 calendar year, and until such time a replacement has been appointed, as required annually.

CARRIED

Mr. K. Crites assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

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### 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The following are outstanding items for future meetings:

- 6.1 Request for pricing to facilitate multiple user teleconference equipment has been sent to Mr. Dave King, Signal Resources.
- 6.2 The Honorable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Workforce Development and Labour to provide an update on the Federal Accessibility Legislation Review at a future meeting.
- 6.3 Mr. J. DePeuter, Manager – Realty Services to provide an update relative to Pop Up Patio’s at a future meeting.

### 7. ROUNDTABLE OF ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES

Ms. K. Power provided information relative to Accessibility issues previously noted, at the December 13, 2018 meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, regarding the new construction at Arthur Street Market Place. All new buildings must be built to code, and through the inspection process deficiencies are noted. The final sign off and approval of the project will not occur unless curbing and ramps meet code.

Ms. T. Soderberg provided information regarding the new crosswalk buttons (3 locations) that have been installed in the City. The buttons have no give and are difficult to use. Ms. Soderberg consulted with Mr. M. Miedema, Engineering Department, City of Thunder Bay, and was provided a demonstration. The buttons require 4 seconds of pressure in order to be activated.

Ms. T. Soderberg also reported on the cancellation of Lift+ during snow events, and would like know why Lift+ is cancelled and conventional transit is operating.

Members reported that access to activation buttons at crosswalks and pedestrian travel at the Marina Park Roundabout is very difficult because of the snow. Sensitivity training for sidewalk plough operators was also discussed. AAC

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Members feel that substantial consideration and respect is not given to those requiring more time to move out of the operators' path.

Councillor R. Johnson asked the AAC members to watch City Council on Monday evening and provide an accessible audit of the online livestream or on television. Ms. K. Power advised that there is currently work underway to change and update the cameras to provide for greater functionality and definition.

### 8. PRESENTATIONS

Ms. L. McEachern, Director - Development & Emergency Services, and Mr. G. Mason, Planner II - Planning Services, Development & Emergency Services, provided a presentation relative to Planning Services, Site Plan Control and future consultation with the Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Built Environment Group.

Ms. L. McEachern advised that she would provide the Accessibility Checklist to the members for their feedback and input. She further advised that Mr. G. Mason would be attending meetings on a go forward basis to provide for enhanced communication and coordination between Planning and the AAC.

### 9. WORKING GROUP UPDATES

#### 9.1 Built Environment

Item deferred.

#### 9.2 Public Art Committee

Item deferred.

#### 9.3 Walkability Committee

Item deferred.

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10. NEW BUSINESS

11. NEXT MEETING

The Accessibility Advisory Committee will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month, except July, August and December, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., at the West Thunder Community Centre, 915 Edward Street South, Thunder Bay, unless otherwise notified.

- Thursday, March 14, 2019
- Thursday, April 11, 2019
- Thursday, May 9, 2019
- Thursday, June 13, 2019
- No meeting in July 2019
- No meeting in August 2019
- Thursday, September 12, 2019
- Thursday, October 10, 2019
- Thursday, November 14, 2019

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.