

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting 03-2022

Date: Thursday, May 12, 2022

Time: 1:02 P.M.

Virtual Location: MS Teams

Chair: Anne Antenucci

MEMBERS

Anne Antenucci
Tom Brownlee
John Gobeil
Councillor Rebecca Johnson
Todd Kennedy
Brian Spare
Randy Sponchia

SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE

Parent to a Child with a Disability
Caregiver to a Person with a Disability
Citizen Representative
Council Representative
Service Agency Representative
Hard of Hearing/Late Deafened Representative
Developmental Disability Representative

OFFICIALS

Krista Power	City Clerk
Dana Earle	Deputy City Clerk
Scott Garner	Municipal Accessibility Specialist
Flo-Ann Track	Council & Committee Clerk

RESOURCES

Jessy Bogacki	Program Supervisor, Adult Fitness, Wellness & Inclusion Services
Darrik Smith	Mobility Coordinator

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

2. COMMUNICATION PROCESS

The Chair explained the communication process.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOVER: Randy Sponchia

SECONDER: John Gobeil

WITH RESPECT to the May 12, 2022 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. 02-2022 Accessibility Advisory Committee, held on April 14, 2022, to be confirmed.

MOVER: Brian Spare

SECONDER: Randy Sponchia

THAT the Minutes of Meeting No. 02-2022 of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, held on April 14, 2022, be confirmed.

CARRIED

5. ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE – JUNE 1, 2022

Purpose: Update

At the April 14, 2022 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting Municipal Accessibility Specialist Scott Garner provided an overview relative to the City of Thunder Bay's Accessibility Advisory Committee 2022 Annual Open House scheduled for June 1, 2022 and discussion followed.

Municipal Accessibility Specialist Scott Garner provided an update relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

Discussion was held relative to the above noted. Some of the items discussed were as follows:

- Advertisements will be broadcast via radio, Country 105.3 and The Bay 99.9, Social Media platforms, The City of Thunder Bay's Event Calendar webpage and via an All City Staff email. A poster will be distributed via email to AAC Members to share with peer and stakeholder groups.

- Rain date is scheduled for June 3, 2022
- The Flag Raising Ceremony is scheduled to take place at 11:30 am in conjunction with the proclamation reading. The Chair and Vice Chair to provide opening remarks on behalf of the Committee, speaking notes will be provided.
- Door Prizes will be drawn, and a bit of swag will be given out randomly.
- The City of Thunder Bay's Multi Year Accessibility Plan and an Agenda, listing the participating stakeholder groups, will be available.
- Name badges and t-shirts will be provided for AAC Members
- Transportation arrangements will be provided for Members if required.

6. PUBLIC REVIEW OF ACCESSIBLE RESIDENTIAL STANDARD

Purpose: Information

Correspondence dated April 15, 2022 from the Chief Executive Officer of Accessibility Standards Canada, Philip Rizcalla, P. Eng. relative to the completion of draft updates for the third accessibility standard, draft standard ASC/CSA B652, *Accessible Residential Homes*, was distributed to members via email on April 20, 2022, was provided for information.

This standard will assist:

- those who design, build, or modify homes for accessibility, and;
- those who are seeking to provide affordable and adaptable homes for people with disabilities.

Stakeholder groups are asked to review the draft standard and provide feedback online via a link on the CSA Group website <https://publicreview.csa.ca/Home/Details/4580> no later than June 13, 2022.

7. ROUNDTABLE OF ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES

7.1 Volunteer Pool & Canada Games Complex

Purpose: Update/Consultation

At the April 14, 2022 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting a member noted that signage at the Volunteer Pool and the Canada Games Complex should include language to help mitigate conflicts that arise when children or adolescence accompany their caregiver into change rooms, when their gender does not appear to match the sign on the door.

Program Supervisor, Adult Fitness, Wellness & Inclusion Services Jessy Bogacki provided information relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

Discussion was held relative to the above noted. Some of the items discussed were as follows:

- Staff training and education, scheduled in June, will include inclusive customer service, accessibility, competing human rights and the duty to accommodate.
- New signage, brochure communications and short public service announcements are some of the options that will be considered to improve accessibility awareness.
- Educational brochures could be provided for example: when parents are registering their children.
- The Ontario Human Rights Code requires accommodations to be provided so people with disabilities can be independent to the best of their abilities. Employers, unions, landlords and service providers have a legal duty to accommodate people with disabilities except where it would cause undue hardship.
- It is important for employees and the public to recognize that some disabilities are not visible.
- Administration will explore what other communities are doing to mitigate conflicts arising with respect to accessibility and competing Human Rights.

7.2 Roundabout

Purpose: Update request

At the October 21, 2021 AAC meeting, Members requested Administration to provide additional information relative to the above noted.

Administration will be invited to the June 9, 2022 AAC meeting to provide information with respect to:

- Re-location of the trees to another location away from the roadway;
- Options to improve the grade of the ramp located on private property;
- Ability to paint a yellow centre line on pathway.

8. 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings of the Accessibility Advisory Committee will be scheduled from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the following dates:

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Committees of Council will not meet from July - December due to the 2022 Municipal Election. A meeting may be scheduled if Administration needs to review projects or provide information.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:02 pm