

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 08-2019

Date: Thursday, October 10, 2019

Time: 1:30 P.M.

Location: West Thunder Community Centre

915 Edward Street S., Thunder Bay

## MEMBERS

Ms. A. Antenucci  
Mr. T. Brownlee  
Mr. K. Crites  
Mr. J. Gobeil  
Ms. D. Hamilton  
Ms. R. Harrison  
Ms. T. Lennox  
Mr. M. Rubenick  
Ms. T. Soderberg  
Mr. B. Spare  
Mr. J.R. Wheeler

## SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE

Parent to a Child with a Disability  
Caregiver to a Person with a Disability  
Mental Health Representative  
Citizen Representative  
Speech Impairment Representative  
Service Agency Representative  
Learning Disability Representative  
Senior with a Disability Representative  
Visually Impaired or Blind Representative  
Hard of Hearing/Late Deafened Representative  
Brain Injury Representative

## OFFICIALS

Mr. S. Garner  
Ms. F. Track

Municipal Accessibility Specialist  
Committee Coordinator

## RESOURCES

Mr. B. Maxwell  
Inclusion Services

## GUESTS

Ms. K. Bonazzo  
Mr. G. Mason

Staffing & Development Consultant  
Planner II – Development & Emergency Services

## AGENDA

### 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

2. COMMUNICATION PROCESS

The Chair provided an overview relative to the above noted. Mr. B. Spare agreed to keep the speakers list.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOVED BY: Ms. T. Lennox  
SECONDED BY: Mr. T. Brownlee

With respect to the October 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. 07-2019 Accessibility Advisory Committee, held on September 12, 2019, to be confirmed.

MOVED BY: Mr. T. Brownlee  
SECONDED BY: Mr. B. Spare

THAT the Minutes of Meeting No. 07-2019 of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, held on September 12, 2019 to be confirmed.

CARRIED

5. CODE OF CONDUCT

Ms. F. Track, Committee Coordinator, provided an update relative to the above noted.

The City of Thunder Bay has contracted the services of Mr. B. Tario, CFI Partner, Forensics and Litigation Support to act as the Integrity Commissioner.

Two Code of Conduct Training sessions have been scheduled for October 17, 2019. Invitations have been sent to members of all Committees of Council. Please advise the committee coordinator if you are able to attend.

6. MULTI YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

Mr. S. Garner, Municipal Accessibility Specialist, provided an update relative to the above noted.

7. ROUNDTABLE OF ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES

Committee members reported on accessibility issues encountered in the community.

Some of the items discussed were:

One of the members reported that at a recent Life Labs appointment, Port Arthur Health Clinic location, they were treated in the main hallway as there was not enough room for their electric wheelchair to enter into the intake area or private treatment areas.

One of the members frequently encounters Sandwich Boards on sidewalks. It was noted that the Sandwich Board can be removed as it is not permitted.

One member regularly volunteered at the Marina over the summer, it was noted there is not sufficient accessible parking, the paint needs to be refreshed and it was also noted that the accessible spots are frequently being utilized by vendors or performers to offload.

It was the consensus of the members to invite Mr. D. Vincent, Manager – Licensing & Enforcement to a future meeting to discuss by-law enforcement.

8. WORKING GROUP UPDATES

8.1 Built Environment

Mr. S. Garner, Municipal Accessibility Specialist, Mr. K. Crites, Mr. M. Rubenick and Mr. R. Wheeler, provided an update relative to the above noted.

Members of the Built Environment were invited to visit the NorWest Community Health Centre on Simpson St. and assess the accessibility of the facility. Guided by Ms. S. Delarosbil, Facility Administrator – NorWest Community Health Centre, the members toured the 2-storey facility and provided feedback relative to the accessibility of public spaces, including the parking lot.

8.2 Built Environment - Boulevard Lake Dam Plan

At the June 17, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting a discussion was held relative to the above noted. It was suggested that the Accessibility Advisory Committee's Built Environment Group should review the Accessibility of the Boulevard Lake Dam Plan with Engineering.

Mr. M. Vogrig, Project Engineer, has been invited to attend the November 14, 2019 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting.

8.3 Public Art Committee

No update was available.

8.4 Walkability Committee

No update was available.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Update Enabling Accessibility Fund for Small Projects

Background: July 2018, the Accessibility Advisory Committee provided a letter of support to the Waverly Public Library for an Application for funding through the Enabling Accessibility Fund for Small Projects.

Letter from Mr. M. Morrison, Community Hub Manager, Thunder Bay Public Library, dated October 10, 2019 relative to the Waverly Public Library's successful application to the Enabling Accessibility Fund and an update on the completed project. Two (2) new accessible washrooms were added to the facility, one public washroom and one staff washroom, both located on the lower level of the building.

10. 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, November 14, 2019
- Friday, December 13, 2019 – Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur St. W.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.