

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 09-2019

Date: Thursday, November 14, 2019

Time: 1:34 P.M.

Location: West Thunder Community Centre

915 Edward Street S., Thunder Bay

## MEMBERS

Mr. T. Brownlee  
Mr. K. Crites  
Mr. J.P. Gamache  
Mr. J. Gobeil  
Ms. D. Hamilton  
Ms. T. Lennox  
Mr. M. Rubenick  
Mr. B. Spare  
Mr. R. Sponchia  
Mr. J.R. Wheeler

## SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE

Caregiver to a Person with a Disability  
Mental Health Representative  
Mobility Disability Representative  
Citizen Representative  
Speech Impairment Representative  
Learning Disability Representative  
Senior with a Disability Representative  
Hard of Hearing/Late Deafened Representative  
Developmental Disability Representative  
Brain Injury Representative

## OFFICIALS

Mr. S. Garner  
Ms. F. Track

Municipal Accessibility Specialist  
Committee Coordinator

## RESOURCES

Mr. B. Maxwell  
Inclusion Services

## GUESTS

Mr. D. Vincent  
Ms. K. Bonazzo

Manager, Licensing & Enforcement  
Staffing & Development Consultant

## AGENDA

### 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 and Ms. T. Lennox agreed to keep the speakers list.

## 3. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOVED BY: Mr. J.P. Gamache  
SECONDED BY: Mr. T. Brownlee

With respect to the November 14, 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. PRESENTATIONS

### 4.1 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.

Item deferred until January 16, 2020.

### 4.2 By-law Enforcement

During a discussion relative to Item No. 7, Roundtable of Accessibility Issues, at meeting 08-2019 of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, held on October 10, 2019 members of the AAC reported several By-law enforceable issues. It was the consensus of the members to invite Mr. D. Vincent, Manager – Licensing & Enforcement to a future meeting.

Mr. D. Vincent, Manager – Licensing & Enforcement provided an overview relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

Some of the items discussed were:

- Parking on pathways, bike lanes and in no parking zones after regular hours of enforcement
- By-law enforcement hours of operation not being sufficient
- Sandwich Board signage on sidewalks and Sign By-laws
- Parking Authority – ticketing after hours
- Alternate safe walking detours around construction

- Overhanging branches on walkways
- Snow removal and icy sidewalks
- Several By-laws are being reviewed – AAC will have opportunity to review prior to presentation to Council

The meeting recessed for a coffee break at 2:45 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 3:00 P.M.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting No. 08-2019 Accessibility Advisory Committee, held on October 10, 2019, to be confirmed.

MOVED BY: Ms. T. Lennox  
 SECONDED BY: Mr. B. Spare

THAT the Minutes of Meeting No. 08-2019 of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, held on October 10, 2019 be confirmed.

CARRIED

6. MULTI YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

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

Ms. M. Neilans, Consultant – Human Space, a division of Quadrangle Architects, will be in Thunder Bay November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to review past department specific accessibility accomplishments (2013 – 2018), and to identify current and upcoming accessibility plans and goals (2020 – 2025). Mr. S. Garner will be organizing the meeting schedule and sending out calendar invites to the appropriate division/Committee representatives.

A report from Ms. M. Neilans is expected early December 2019 for our review prior to presentation to City Council in the New Year.

7. TRANSIT DRIVER’S APPRECIATION DAY – MARCH 2020

Ms. F. Track, Committee Coordinator, provided an overview relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

It was the consensus of the members to assist in the distribution of goodies and gratitude at City Hall for the annual Transit Driver’s Appreciation Day to be held on March 18, 2020.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ACCESSIBILITY WORKING GROUP

Mr. S. Garner provided an overview relative to the above noted and responded to questions.

Items discussed were:

- Length of meetings – do we require more time to discuss all agenda items
- Inviting members of the AAWG, Administration and presenters to alternate meetings of the AAC.
- Designating specific AAC meetings for Roundtable Discussion of Accessible Issues and Working Group Updates to ensure members are able to report regularly

It was the consensus of the members to continue the discussion at the January 16, 2020 meeting.

9. ROUNDTABLE OF ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES

Committee members to report on accessibility issues encountered in the community.

10. WORKING GROUP UPDATES

10.1 Built Environment

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

10.2 Public Art Committee

Mr. J.P. Gamache or Mr. R. Wheeler to provide update relative to the above noted.

10.3 Walkability Committee

Mr. B. Spare or Mr. J.P. Gamache to provide an update relative to the above noted.

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. NEXT MEETING

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

The final meeting for 2019 will be held on:

- Friday, December 13, 2019 at Victoria Inn, from 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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 Thunder Bay 55 Plus Centre, 700 River Street, Thunder Bay, unless otherwise notified.

#### AAC 2020 Meeting Schedule

\*Reminder: The Accessibility Advisory Committee will be meeting at the 55+ Centre in the New Year on the following dates:

- January 16, 2020 (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month)
- February 13, 2020
- March 12, 2020
- April 9, 2020
- May 14, 2020
- June 11, 2020
- September 10, 2020
- October 8, 2020
- November 12, 2020

#### 13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:26 P.M.