

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting No. 02-2020

Date: Thursday, February 13, 2020

Time: 1:30 P.M.

Location: Thunder Bay 55 Plus Centre

700 River Street, Thunder Bay

MEMBERS

Mr. K. Crites
Mr. J.P. Gamache
Mr. J. Gobeil
Ms. D. Hamilton
Ms. R. Harrison
Councillor R. Johnson
Ms. T. Lennox
Mr. M. Rubenick
Ms. T. Soderberg
Mr. B. Spare
Mr. J.R. Wheeler

SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE

Mental Health Representative
Mobility Disability Representative
Citizen Representative
Speech Impairment Representative
Service Agency Representative
Council Representative
Learning Disability Representative
Senior with a Disability Representative
Visually Impaired or Blind Representative
Hard of Hearing/Late Deafened Representative
Brain Injury Representative

OFFICIALS

Ms. K. Power
Mr. S. Garner
Ms. F. Track

City Clerk
Municipal Accessibility Specialist
Committee Coordinator

RESOURCES

Mr. B. Maxwell
Inclusion Services

GUESTS

Mr. K. Jankowski
Mr. G. Broere
Mr. R. Furioso
Mr. M. Vodrey
Mr. M. Greatrix
Mr. D. Ryall
Mr. J. Kirychuk

Contract Coordinator
Director – Asset Management
Construction Services Supervisor
Project Manager - Stantec Architecture
Project Architect – Stantec Architecture
Architectural Lead - Stantec Architecture
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 explained the communication process. Ms. T. Lennox agreed to keep the speakers list.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOVED BY: Mr. J.P. Gamache
SECONDED BY: Ms. D. Hamilton

WITH respect to the February 13, 2020 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

The Chair, Mr. K. Crites, welcomed members from the Stantec Architectural Firm.

4.1 Multi Use Indoor Turf Facility

Mr. M. Vodrey, Project Manager – Stantec Architecture, Mr. D. Ryall, Senior Architectural Technologist – Stantec Architecture and Mr. M. Greatrix, Project Architect – Stantec Architecture, provided an overview of the design of the proposed Multi-Use Indoor Sports Facility and responded to questions.

Items discussed included the following:

- Safe access to the building from Recreational paths and Transit stops
- Transit has been extended onto the facility grounds
- Accessible parking spots
- Ensure there are no trip hazards on walkways

- Recreational paths clearly marked for pedestrian and cyclists with tactile mark down the centre for cane detection
- Automated doors, well defined access
- Accessible service areas
- Large meeting
- Washrooms and change facilities fully accessible
- Seating and companion seating on second floor
- Accessible elevator and 8 hour back up generator for emergency purposes
- Emergency system utilizes both horns and strobes
- Exits are 10mm high
- Utilized London Building Standards and CNIB Building Standards
- Capacity of 868 people
- Dedicated storage for local sports clubs
- Walking track is fully accessible, 2 m wide and can only be accessed at specific points to limit cross traffic
- Green building – LEAD Gold - standard they are trying to achieve
- Tender will be ready prior to June 2020

The Chair thanked the Stantec Architecture team for making their presentation.

The meeting recessed for a coffee break at 2:35 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 2:45 P.M.

The Chair, Mr. K. Crites, welcomed Ms. L. Chevrette.

4.2 Community Safety & Well-Being Planning

Ms. L. Chevrette, Coordinator – Thunder Bay Crime Prevention Council provided an overview relative to the above noted.

Document entitled “Community Safety & Well Being Consultation Session” was provided with the agenda on Thursday, February 6, 2020 for information.

Discussion was held relative to the above noted.

Member’s provided the following responses to the three questions contained in the above noted document:

1. In your opinion, what are the top 5 things that contribute to a vibrant, safe and healthy Thunder Bay?
 - free movement, no fear
 - eye contact with individuals you are passing

- access to facilities
- respect
- inclusion to festivals and events
- lighting
- access to services such as SOS and other health care needs
- more police presence
- approachable security guards and police
- more night patrols/police presence
- community engagement
- street lighting

2. In terms of community safety and well-being, what are your top 5 areas of concern?

- types of crime occurring in Thunder Bay
- customer service, patience goes a long way
- respect
- heavy criminal activities
- crime against marginalized individuals
- victim services
- lack of access/long wait times to: mental health care, addiction treatment, housing, affordable healthy foods
- attitudes of police/security and medical staff
- dehumanization of people needing help
- police not taking crime against people with disabilities seriously
- city street lights that are burnt out are not being replaced after report has been provided
- speeding
- insufficient by-law enforcement - vehicles and other obstructions on sidewalks (sandwich boards, shopping carts)
- snow removal- pedestrian crosswalks and sidewalks

3. What are the top 3 priorities our community should focus on to improve safety and well-being for everyone in Thunder Bay?

- access to health care services – mental health, addictions
- affordable housing
- healthy food
- increase police enforcement
- customer service training
- respect
- community outreach
- pedestrian safety
- youth and public engagement

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting No. 01-2020 Accessibility Advisory Committee, held on January 16, 2020, to be confirmed.

MOVED BY: Ms. T. Lennox
SECONDED BY: Mr. J.P. Gamache

THAT the Minutes of Meeting No. 01-2020 of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, held on January 16, 2020 to be confirmed.

CARRIED

6. MULTI YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

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

Copies of the Draft Multi Year Accessibility Plan will be provided with the March 12, 2020 Agenda Package. Discussion to be held relative to the above noted at the next AAC meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2020.

7. ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

Discussion was held relative to the above noted. Some of the ideas discussed were:

Theme: Mental Health
Locations: City Hall, Mall, Community Centre
Trade Show atmosphere
Date: May 28th or September/October

Further discussion to be held relative to the above noted.

8. TRANSIT DRIVERS APPRECIATION DAY – MARCH 18, 2020

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

On March 18, 2020 Members of the AAC will be providing coffee and a treat to acknowledge the City of Thunder Bay Transit Driver's at City Hall.

Members were asked to provide their availability for the morning or afternoon on March 18, 2020, and to provide suggestions via email or by phone to Ms. F. Track, as to the nature of the treat to be provided to the Transit Drivers.

Follow up to be provided at the next meeting of the AAC.

9. ROUNDTABLE OF ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES

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

Deferred.

10. WORKING GROUP UPDATES

Deferred.

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PAST MEETINGS

11.1 Terms of Reference

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

Discussion relative to the above noted will be scheduled at the April 9, 2020 meeting of the AAC.

12. NEW BUSINESS

13. NEXT MEETING

*Reminder: The Accessibility Advisory Committee will be meeting at the Thunder Bay 55 Plus Centre, 700 River Street, in the New Year on the following dates:

AAC 2020 Meeting Schedule

- March 12, 2020
- April 9, 2020
- May 14, 2020
- May 2020 – Open House (date to be confirmed)
- June 11, 2020
- September 10, 2020
- October 8, 2020

- November 12, 2020

14. ADJOURNMENT