

Joint Accessibility Committee

MINUTES OF MEETING

March 18, 2009

1:00 p.m.

Present: Councillor Cheryl Murdoch, Councillor Jim Mackie, Councillor Bill Davis, Councillor Tom Gardner, Debbie Everitt, Rob Young, Miles Roberts, Angela Van Berlo, HKPR

Regrets: Ross Burk

County Staff: Jim Wilson, CAO
Tamara Wilbee, County Clerk
Angela Balle, Administrative Assistant

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Murdoch called the meeting to order at 12:58 pm and welcomed members of the Committee.

Adoption of Agenda

J 06/09

Moved by Angela Van Berlo,

Seconded by Councillor Jim Mackie;

Be it resolved that the agenda for the March 18, 2009 - meeting of the Joint Accessibility Committee be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest – None Disclosed.

Acceptance of the Minutes

J 07/09

*Moved by Councillor Tom Gardner,
Seconded by Councillor Jim Mackie;*

**Be it resolved that the minutes of the January 14, 2008 -
meeting of the Joint Accessibility Committee be
accepted.**

Carried

Deputations

Heather Reid and Jenny Perrott from U-Links attended the meeting to provide the Committee members an overview of the type of service U-Links could provide to the County through the university students that participate in the projects available. With the impending AODA compliance nearing a number of possible project ideas were presented in relation to raising the awareness of the private sector to the AODA.

J 08/09

*Moved by Councillor Tom Gardner,
Seconded by Councillor Jim Mackie;*

**Be it resolved that the Haliburton County Joint Accessibility
Committee recommends to Haliburton County Council that
representatives of the Committee be directed to work with U-
Links for purposes of developing a student research project
proposal for the fall of 2009 that would relate to gauging and
raising private sector awareness around the various
compliance requirements to meet the AODA standards.**

Carried

Accessibility Standards under the AODA, 2005

a) Built Environment

Councillor Davis reported the Built Environment Committee will be meeting on March 30, 2009 in Toronto and an update will be presented at the next joint Accessibility Committee meeting.

b) Customer Service

A draft of the County of Haliburton Customer Service Policy was

circulated with the agenda package for review before presenting the Policy to County Council for approval. Tamara Wilbee provided the Committee with an overview of the legislated requirement for policy and the content.

J 09/09

*Moved by Councillor Bill Davis,
Seconded by Miles Roberts;*

Be it resolved that the Haliburton County Joint Accessibility Committee recommends to Haliburton County Council that the draft Accessible Customer Service Policy be approved.

Carried

Tamara Wilbee provided an update on the Customer Service training that is being scheduled for employees and committees of the County and Municipalities. She reported that there may the few spaces available might be offered to external contractors working for the County and Municipalities.

J 10/09

*Moved by Councillor Bill Davis,
Seconded by Miles Roberts;*

Be it resolved that the Haliburton County Joint Accessibility Committee recommends to Haliburton County Council that if there are any available spaces remaining in the 2009 scheduled Customer Service Training Workshops, that they be made available to external contractors or consultants who provide goods and services on behalf of the County of Haliburton on a cost recovery basis.

Carried

c) Employment

A copy of the AMO- Release of Draft Employment Standards was circulated with the agenda package. Tamara Wilbee reported that from the County perspective that this standard had no impact on the existing standards and process used by the County.

d) Information and Communication

A document from the Municipal Information Systems Association – Response to the Proposed Information and Communications Standard was circulated with the agenda package outlining a number of recommendations put forward to the Information and Communication committee for consideration before finalizing this Standard.

Correspondence

An email from the AODA Alliance was circulated with the agenda package that invited the Committee to be put on a list to receive automatic updates specific to information on the AODA. The Committee agreed that any correspondence received from the Alliance would be received by staff and circulated to the Committee with the meeting agenda packages.

Public Awareness/Education

Angela Van Berlo reported that the funding application through New Horizons submitted in June of 2008 has been approved and that in February 2009 the Ageing Well Committee received \$25,000 and 1 year to make Haliburton age friendly. The Aging Well Committee has been formed but the group would like to expand so have issued an invitation to members of the Joint Accessibility Committee to participate. The group will be meeting monthly. Rob Young and Miles Roberts agreed to share the duties to represent the Committee with the approval of County Council.

J 11/09

Moved by Councillor Tom Gardner,

Seconded by Councillor Jim Mackie;

Be it resolved that the Joint Accessibility Committee recommends to Haliburton County Council that Rob Young and Miles Roberts be authorized to represent the Joint Accessibility Committee through participation on the “Aging Well Committee” from March 2009 to March 2010, the anticipated duration of the project.

Carried

Barrier Aware Programme

Angela Balle reported that all the legions have been contacted and that responses to participate in the Barrier Aware Assessment program have

been delayed due to the Branch meeting schedules and the opportunity to take the letter forward to their respective branch executive for consideration.

New Business

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will take place May 13, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. or at the Call of the Chair.

Adjournment

Chair Murdoch thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

J 12/09

Moved by Miles Roberts,

Seconded by Councillor Tom Gardner;

***Be it resolved that the meeting of the Joint Accessibility
Advisory Committee of March 18, 2009 be hereby
adjourned.***

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Chair Councillor Cheryl Murdoch

Clerk Tamara Wilbee