

Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 1, 2007

1:00 p.m.

Present: Councillor Cheryl Murdoch, Councillor Jim Mackie, Councillor Bill Davis, Councillor Tom Gardner, Peter McLuskey, Debbie Tripp, Rob Young, Angela Andrews, HKPR

Regrets: Miles Roberts
Ross Burke

Support Persons: Tamara Williams, County Clerk
Angela Balle, Administrative Assistant

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Bill Davis, Seconded by Peter McLuskey;

Be it resolved that the agenda for the May 1, 2007 meeting of the Joint Accessibility Committee be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Acceptance of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Bill Davis, Seconded by Miles Roberts

Be it resolved that the Minutes of the March 14, 2007-meeting of the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee be accepted.

Carried

Deputation

Creating a Community Trail in Haliburton County

Pamela Marsales attended the meeting to promote the idea of designating a portion of the Rail Trail as part of a broader community trail concept. She suggested that alternate surface treatments would make this section of trail accessible to all ability levels.

Committee Composition

Tamara Williams, Clerk, advised the Committee that the Appointment By-law was amended at the last County Council meeting to acknowledge Ross Burke as a member.

Public Awareness / Education Campaign – Status Update

Business Aware Program

Angela Andrews reported that the flyers are being prepared by the Communications Department of the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

Barrier Free Design Flyer

Rob Young and Debbie Tripp have been collaborating on the final version of the flyer and presented to the committee the final draft for further input. Councillor Mackie noted that the dimensions needed to be verified.

Sensitivity Awareness Brochure

All agreed that the brochure was well done and would be printed in house for distribution.

Haliburton Home Show Booth

Councillor Davis volunteered to contact Wayne Hussey to confirm availability of space for the Accessibility Committee as the location of the County displays are not yet accessible.

Traffic Signals for the Visually Impaired

The Clerk sent a letter to the Ministry of Transportation office in Kingston and as yet has not received a response with regard to signal modifications.

Barrier Removal – Public Buildings

The Clerk sent out reminders to the local municipalities to report modifications that might enhance accessibility even if they fall under a separate budget.

Handicapped Parking Infractions re: Delivery Trucks and parking Enforcement on Commercial Properties

In response to a request by the Clerk to report on the status of accessible parking infractions, the following information was received;

Algonquin Highlands – No activity, no complaints received.

Dysart et al – Enforcement on both public and private designated parking spaces underway.

Minden Hills – Enforcement on public parking spaces continues.

Highlands East – No activity at the current time.

With regard to delivery vehicles using accessible spaces, several members reported that they had personally spoken with delivery personnel to remind them of the importance of keeping designated spaces available.

Building and Site Plan Review

Original plans of the EMS base in Haliburton were reviewed by Rob Young and Miles Roberts but there have since been changes that needed to be made. Councillor Bill Davis recommended that Pat Kennedy, EMS Director, consult with members at the end of this meeting to review these changes.

2007 Accessibility Budget Update

The Haliburton County Council has approved \$5,700.00 dollars to be allocated to Accessibility for 2007. Once local budgets are finalized, further figures will become available.

Other Issues Raised by Individual Committee Members

4C's Building

Councillor Davis attended the building to inspect accessibility as it related to entry floor levels.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will take place July 11, 2007 at 1:00 pm

***NOTE: Original date of July 3, 2007 created conflicts**

Adjournment

Moved by Peter McLuskey, Seconded by Rob Young;

Be it resolved that the meeting of the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee of May 1, 2006 be hereby adjourned.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk