

Joint Accessibility Committee

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 14, 2008

1:00 p.m.

Present: Chair Cheryl Murdoch, Vice Chair Bill Davis, Councillor Tom Gardner, Councillor Jim Mackie, Debbie Tripp, Rob Young, Miles Roberts, Ross Burk

Regrets: Peter McLuskey, Angela Van Berlo, HKPR

County Staff: Tamara Wilbee, County Clerk
Angela Balle, Administrative Assistant

Welcome and Introductions

Councillor Murdoch called the meeting to order at 1:12 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Adoption of Agenda

J10/08

Moved Councillor Bill Davis, Seconded by Councillor Jim Mackie

Be it resolved that the agenda for the May 14, 2008 - meeting of the Joint Accessibility Committee be adopted as circulated.

Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest – None disclosed.

Acceptance of the Minutes

J11/08

Moved by Miles Roberts, Seconded by Councillor Tom Gardner

Be it resolved that the minutes of the March 12, 2008 - meeting of the Joint Accessibility Committee be accepted.

Carried

Built Environment Update

Councillor Davis reported that the mandate of the Built Environment Committee has been revised and now the committee representation reflects a 50% membership of persons with disabilities. He also noted that the recommendations of the Committee are anticipated by August. Though the Ministry would like cover to the year 2025 the Committee is recommending that developing standards guidelines for a 5 to 10 year period would be more appropriate.

Deputation – None Requested

Correspondence

An invitation from Sue Shikaze of the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit was received in regard to participation in a Healthy Community Round Table. Angela Van Berlo agreed to participate on behalf of the Joint Accessibility Committee.

Public Awareness / Education

Barrier Aware Program Status Update

Rob Young reported that he, Angela Van Berlo and Angela Balle visited four businesses in the Minden area to perform a Barrier Aware Assessment on May 13, 2008. Home Hardware and the I.G.A will be receiving certificates and the PharmaSave and the Valumart will be reviewed again upon minor modifications being made.

Age Friendly Haliburton County Project

Ms Van Berlo requested a letter of support from the Joint Accessibility Committee to include in a “New Horizons” funding proposal. The Committee directed that a letter of “support in principle” be sent and that further information regarding commitments of the Committee be brought forward at the next meeting.

Notice of Applications for Consent – Subdivisions and Condominiums

Tamara Wilbee reported that the Notice of Application 46-T-07001 was circulated to the members of the Committee for review. It was felt that it should be a standard recommendation that any future road designs consider providing room for sidewalks should they be required in the future.

Home Show Booth

The Accessibility booth will be situated with the County of Haliburton display area in the Curling Club now that accessibility issues have been resolved. Councillor Davis will man the booth Friday night and Saturday morning. Miles Roberts volunteered his time Saturday morning and possibly the afternoon. Angela Balle will attend the booth on Saturday evening.

Other Issues Raised by Individual Committee Members

Landfills

Miles Roberts put forth concerns with regard to accessibility of the landfill sites to accommodate persons with disabilities. With the new recycling processes required at the landfill sites, it is hard for people in wheel chairs to access the recycling areas. Councillor Davis noted that Dysart et al will have three attendants, but he will take the concern back to the Dysart et al Environment Committee. Peter McLuskey conveyed a similar concern regarding seniors.

Chair Murdoch suggested that both these concerns be brought to the attention of the individual municipalities. Warden Harrison suggested that it could also be a topic for discussion at County Waste Management Task Force.

Cemetery Access

Rob Young reported that an elderly person contacted him stating that he could not gain entrance to the Minden Hills Cemetery as the gateway was not accessible with his wheel chair. Councillor Murdoch agreed to look into this issue.

Service Stations

Ongoing discussion ensued around lack of accessibility at service stations. Councillor Mackie outlined some of the regulated restrictions as well as

public safety reasons as to why full accessibility is difficult to achieve in the digital self serve environment. Councillor Davis agreed to take this concern to the Built Environment Committee for consideration. At the local level, it was agreed that a Barrier Aware promotional package could be sent to each area service station to encourage removal of some obvious barriers such as walkways blocked by displays.

Municipal Barrier Removal Update

Councillor Mackie updated the Committee on projects that have been on going in the Municipality of Highlands East. The renovations proposed for Wilberforce Outpost, the Highland Grove Community Centre and the Cardiff Community Centre have been put out for tender.

Councillor Davis reported that the Municipality of Dysart et al is planning to do renovations to sidewalks and curbs in the Village of Haliburton to make them more accessible.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will take place July 9, 2008 at 1:00 pm.

Adjournment

Chair Murdoch thanked everyone for attending the meeting,

J12/08

Moved by Councillor Davis, Seconded by Councillor Jim Mackie;

Be it resolved that the meeting of the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee of May 14, 2008 be hereby adjourned.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk