

# **Joint Accessibility Committee**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**November 12, 2008**

**1:00 p.m.**

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

**Regrets:** Angela Van Berlo, HKPR

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

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Councillor Murdoch called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

### **Adoption of Agenda**

**J 22/08**

*Moved by Councillor Bill Davis,*

*Seconded by Councillor Tom Gardner;*

**Be it resolved that the agenda for the November 12, 2008 - meeting of the Joint Accessibility Committee be adopted.**

*Carried*

**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest** – None disclosed.

### **Acceptance of the Minutes**

**J 23/08**

*Moved by Rob Young,*

*Seconded by Councillor Tom Gardner;*

**Be it resolved that the minutes of the September 4, 2008 - meeting of the Joint Accessibility Committee be accepted.**

*Carried*

Councillor Davis clarified to the Committee that the Library plans received and noted in the previous minutes had to be returned to the architects for reworking. The reworked plans have since been received by Dysart et al, and the tender for the building has been awarded. Councillor Davis invited Rob Young, Miles Roberts and Ross Burk to review the final plans.

### **Customer Service Standards**

Tamara Wilbee reported that a 2 day workshop entitled “Toward the Implementation of the Customer Service Standards” will be facilitated by “Accessibility Experts” and attended by 15 senior County and Municipal staff on December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

### **Built Environment Update**

Councillor Davis reported the deadline for recommendations from the Built Environment Committee has been extended to March 31, 2009 and it is anticipated that the public review process will commence in April or May of 2009.

### **Deputation – None Requested**

### **Correspondence**

**J 24/08**

*Moved by Rob Young,*

*Seconded by Councillor Tom Gardner;*

**Be it resolved that the Joint Accessibility Committee receive the correspondence from the Ministry of Community and Social Services and the County of Haliburton Director of Planning for information purposes.**

*Carried*

### **Public Awareness/Education**

**No Report**

## **Municipal Day Presentation**

Tamara Wilbee reported that the presentation at Municipal Day was well received and that out of that session came two invitations for the Barrier Aware assessment team to assess municipal buildings. Highlands East has invited the team to assess the Highlands East Arena and the Cardiff Community Centre. The Municipality of Dysart et al invited the team to reassess the Rails End Gallery and the County of Haliburton has invited the team to assess the Administration Building in Minden.

## **Visioning Meeting**

Tamara Wilbee reported that the Accessibility Public Display was set up at the Visioning Session held October 24, 2008 in Stanhope.

## **Barrier Aware Programme**

Angela Balle reported that correspondence sent to Dollo's IGA requesting a date to present the Barrier Aware Award has received no response to date. She will send a further letter as a reminder.

The Barrier Aware team consisting of Rob Young, Deb Everitt and Angela Balle assessed the Highlands East Arena and the Cardiff Community Centre. The team was very impressed with the effort that has gone into making these buildings accessible and have recommended that a letter of recognition and an award certificate be presented to Highlands East at a future council meeting.

Councillor Jim Mackie suggested that the four Legions in the County be assessed and that staff be directed to send a letter to the Commanders of Zones F-4 and F-5 for consideration of this request.

## **J 25/08**

*Moved by Warden Eleanor Harrison,*

*Seconded by Miles Roberts;*

**Be it resolved that the Joint Accessibility Committee direct staff to send a letter to the Commander of the Royal Canadian Legion requesting permission to carry out a Barrier Aware assessment of the 4 (four) legions in the County of Haliburton.**

*Carried*

## 2009 Budget Recommendations

The Clerk provided a budget recommendation for submission to County Council for Accessibility. A breakdown of the allotment of funds would be as follows; \$6,000 toward training, \$2,000 toward per diems and mileage and \$2,000 toward public awareness.

### **J 26/08**

*Moved by Debbie Tripp,*

*Seconded by Councillor Bill Davis;*

**Be it resolved that the Joint Accessibility Committee recommends to County Council that \$10,000.00 be allocated toward accessibility in the 2009 budget.**

*Carried*

## **New Business - None**

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will take place January 14, 2009 at 1:00 pm or at the Call of the Chair.

### **Barrier Assessment – County Administration Building**

The entire Joint Accessibility Committee was asked to accompany the Barrier Aware Assessment team through an assessment of the County Administration Building to give them a better understanding of how the barrier assessments are conducted. As the assessment would take a considerable length of time, the Committee agreed to carry out the assessment after the meeting had been adjourned and report at a future meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Murdoch thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

### **J 27/08**

*Moved by Ross Burk,*

*Seconded by Rob Young;*

***Be it resolved that the meeting of the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee of November 12, 2008 be hereby adjourned.***

*Carried*

The meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

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Chair, Councillor Cheryl Murdoch

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Clerk, Tamara Wilbee