



Accessibility Advisory Committee

Minutes - October 13, 2009

GODERICH, ONTARIO



HURON COUNTY ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HCAAC)

Goderich, Ontario.
October 13th, 2009.

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee (HCAAC) met in the Court House Council Chambers, in Goderich. All members of the Board were present except for Members R. Armstrong and L. Harper. Also attending the meeting were CAO Larry Adams, Accessibility Co-ordinator Sarah Clemons, Sally McMullen who was representing the Planning & Development Department and Clerk B. Wilson. Chair D. Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member M. McCauley and Seconded by: Member L. Falconer:

THAT:

The minutes of the September 14th, 2009 Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

Member M. McCauley requested a list of the Committee's tasks to be completed and accomplishments, be compiled as a schedule to the minutes.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member M. McCauley and Seconded by: Member L. Falconer:

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee direct staff to prepare a schedule of the Committee's tasks to be completed and accomplishments to be included with the minutes from each meeting.

CARRIED

2. Business Arising from the Minutes:

a) Review the five challenges sent by members of the Committee to Accessibility Co-ordinator Sarah Clemons; who then compiled the submissions for the Committee to discuss. The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee Top five priorities are attached as Schedule A to the minutes.

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There was some discussion regarding the priorities that were sent to Accessibility Co-ordinator Clemons. One of the priorities identified was the education of our youth in terms of accessibility compliance. Some members felt it was important to go into the schools and deliver a presentation to the students regarding accessibility. CAO Adams cautioned the Committee about proceeding with this idea. The mandate of this Committee is not do the Province's job which is to educate the private sector including the youth. HCAAC is an Advisory Committee.

A suggestion further to the mandate of this Committee would be to try to deliver presentations about HCAAC and their role in the County to the lower tier Councils.

Accessibility Co-ordinator Clemons provided the Terms of Reference for HCAAC. The Terms of Reference were read by Accessibility Co-ordinator Clemons as clarification of the role of HCAA. A copy of the Terms of Reference is attached to these minutes as Schedule B.

b) International Day for Persons with Disabilities – follow up with plans/ideas to make the press/media and public aware of the efforts in the area of accessibility. December 3rd, 2009 honour and showcase accessibility.

There was some discussion about preparing a Resolution requesting the lower tier municipalities to declare December 3rd, 2009 as International Day for Persons with Disabilities.

A suggestion from a member was to ascertain what the other Accessibility Committees in the area; i.e. Wellington County, Bruce County and Grey County are doing to recognize this day.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member M. McCauley and Seconded by: Member E. Bezaire:

THAT:

The Accessibility Co-ordinator be directed to prepare a Report and a Resolution for the lower tier municipalities to consider supporting; for presentation with the Agenda package prior to the November 9th, HCAAC meeting.

CARRIED

3. New Business:

a) A Member Communication Alert from AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario) for consideration is enclosed - AMO's Message to the Province: Accessibility and Municipalities at Risk with Initial Built Environment Standard.

CAO Adams reviewed the correspondence from AMO regarding the Built Environment Standard.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member M. McCauley and Seconded by: Member L. Falconer:

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee (HCAAC) recommend to the County of the County of Huron that The Case for Harmonization of the AODA Standards be endorsed;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The County of Huron/Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee forward their support to the Provincial Government that The Case for Harmonization of the AODA Standards would be their public review response to the initial proposed Built Environment Standard.

CARRIED

Other Business:

CAO Adams outlined the necessity for all staff, members of Council, Committee members and volunteers with the County of Huron to be trained by December 31st, 2009 to be in compliance with the Customer Service Standard of AODA, 2005. A date of November 4th, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Court House in Goderich has been set for the Accessibility Training. Any member of HCAAC may attend for their training at that time. If this date is not suitable for any member of HCAA; they are to contact Accessibility Co-ordinator Clemons to work out a date for training at another time.

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Co-ordinator Clemons invited any member of HCAAC to accompany her as she sets out to train more than 600 County staff members, members of County Council, Committee members and volunteers as well as the training she is doing for many of the lower tier municipalities. She welcomes the support from Committee members as she does the accessibility training throughout the County of Huron.

Accounts and Financial Statements:

Accounts for 2009 totalling \$159.07 as of September 30th, 2009 will be reviewed.

The financial statement for the period ending August 31st, 2009 will be reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Accessibility Committee	0	0	\$11,864	\$36,877	\$11,864	\$36,877

MOTION:

Moved by: Member G. McLachlan and Seconded by: Member J. Austin:

THAT:

The accounts as of September 30th, 2009 and financial statement for the period ending August 31st, 2009 be received.

CARRIED

Next Meeting:

Monday November 9th, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

Member M. McCauley requested the dates for 2010 be discussed at the November 9th, meeting.

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Member M. McCauley requested the Committee be given notice of when comments must be submitted to the Ministry as the different Standards become available for comment. The remaining Standards are:

- Accessible Information and Communications Standards
- Employment Accessibility Standard
- Accessible Transportation Standard

Accessibility Co-ordinator reminded everyone about her attendance in London to address Charles Beer with comments on the Built Environment Standard; AODA, 2005 on behalf of the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee. She invited members from the Committee to accompany her on October 20th at 2:00 p.m.

There was a brief discussion regarding the membership and the number of members and the representation from the County of Huron on the Committee. It was requested that this be an item for discussion at the November 9th, HCAAC meeting.

Adjournment:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member G. McLachlan and Seconded by: Member J. Austin:

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee adjourn at 11:10 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair D. Kelly