



Accessibility Advisory Committee

Minutes - September 13, 2010

GODERICH, ONTARIO



HURON COUNTY ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HCAAC)

Goderich, Ontario
September 13th, 2010

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee (HCAAC) met in the Court House Council Chambers, in Goderich on the 13th of September, 2010. All members of the Board were present except for members Lorie Falconer and Lisa Harper. Also present were new HCAAC members Chris Knapp and Kevin Dickins. Staff members present were CAO Larry Adams, Director of Human Resources Darcy Michaud, Planner Sally McMullen, CBO Kirk Livingston, new staff appointee Robyn de Weerd, OD Working Group Representative Lynda Rotteau and Clerk Barb Wilson. Chair Dorothy Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Introduction of new HCAAC Members:

The new Committee members introduced themselves to the Committee. Kevin Dickins is from Exeter. He is employed in Mental Health in Huron County. He works with people who suffer from mental health issues trying to integrate them back into the work force. He is happy to be considered as a member of this Committee.

Chris Knapp has lived in the Goderich area for two years. He has Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and brings an acute awareness of the challenges to Ontarians with disabilities. Chris was instrumental in starting an MS group in Toronto where the members shared ideas with each other to promote a social life. Chris feels he can be a benefit to the Committee and is looking forward to becoming a member.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member G. McLachlan and Seconded by: Member B. Fisher:

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend to the Council of the County of Huron the following be appointed as members to the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee:

- Juan Legge – Citizen Member
- Kevin Dickins – Professional Member
- Chris Knapp – Member with a Disability

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Member G. McLachlan and Seconded by: Member E. Bezaire:

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee accepts with regret; the resignation of Member Lisa Harper.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Member B. Fisher and Seconded by: Member E. Bezaire:

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee accepts with regret; the resignation of Huron County staff member Christine Hoffman;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Robyn de Weerd; be appointed as a Huron County staff member.

CARRIED

Declaration of Pecuniary Conflict of Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

There were no pecuniary conflicts of interest stated by members of the Committee.

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MOTION:

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

THAT:

The minutes of the July 29th, 2010 Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee; be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes:

4.1 Staffing Options Concerning the HCAAC Co-ordinator:

Darcy Michaud, Director of Human Resources reviewed the Report entitled Staffing Options Concerning the HCAAC Co-ordinator.

There was a great deal of discussion.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member B. Fisher and Seconded by: Member G. McLachlan:

THAT:

The Report entitled Staffing Options Concerning the HCAAC Co-ordinator by Darcy Michaud, Director of Human Resources; be received.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Member B. Fisher and Seconded by: Member E. Bezaire:

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee agree to proceed with the following option:

Option #3; being:

"The duties of the HCAAC co-ordinator are rolled into a new full time position (Corporate Trainer), which will be in the Human Resources Department. In the meantime, the duties of the HCAAC Co-ordinator will be taken on by a temporary contractor."

CARRIED

5. Members Issues:

A concern was reported that the Building Accessibility Review Working Group had not seen the blueprints for the Central Huron Arena. CAO Adams advised that the arena plans are down in his office for the Working Group's review.

Sally McMullen requested the members of the Building Accessibility Review Working Group set a date for the review of the Central Huron Arena blueprints. Sally has offered to meet with the Working Group on Friday September 17th in the afternoon or anytime on Friday September 24th. The Working Group will review the plans as soon as possible.

A concern about the Municipal Elections coming up on October 25th, 2010 and the accessibility into the municipal polling stations to vote was expressed. Lynda Rotteau had prepared a Report further to the response from all the member municipalities in Huron County. Bluewater and Huron East did not respond to the requested information on accessibility for the municipal election polling stations.

Lynda Rotteau advised of some hotels in the Goderich area that would not allow her sister accommodation because she was travelling with a service

animal. Lynda will follow up with these establishments and inform them of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 and the Accessibility Standards for Customer Service Regulation.

6. New and or Other Business:

6.1 2011 meeting dates for HCAAC:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member J. Austin and seconded by: Member E. Bezaire:

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee set the following dates for the year 2011:

- January 17th, 2011
- March 21st, 2011
- June 20th, 2011
- September 19th, 2011
- November 21st, 2011

The meetings will be at 9:30 a.m. in the Court House Council Chambers in Goderich.

CARRIED

6.2 2011 Budget for HCAAC:

There was some discussion regarding the 2011 Budget.

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The HCAAC request that any unspent funds from the 2010 Budget including the previous accumulated surplus be carried forward to the Committee's accumulated surplus; into the 2011 HCAAC budget.

CARRIED

Member McLachlan requested that a group be established to start work on having a booth at the 2013 International Plowing Match in Mitchell. There was interest within the Committee. There was some discussion regarding the expense of renting space at the Plowing Match and a suggestion to join with Perth County Accessibility Advisory Committee members to share the expense.

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Once a Co-ordinator is hired, one of his/her first jobs will be to look into costs of renting space in a tent and registering the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee at the 2013 International Plowing Match.

Member McLachlan requested that the members be made aware of changes to the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*. There will be an update at the next meeting.

Lynda Rotteau reported that she would email the Final Proposed Accessible Built Environment Standard, as part of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* to the members after the meeting.

Lynda Rotteau questioned if the Huron County Accessibility Plan has been forwarded to the Province. Darcy Michaud and Lynda Rotteau will follow up with this after the meeting.

Member McCauley had some recommendations she would like staff to follow up with. Sally McMullen would like to meet with all members, and the new Co-ordinator to get the list of projects the Committee has planned and accomplished, review the Strategic Plan and then bring them forward to the November 29th meeting.

Member McCauley requested that all the accounting for the Accessibility Committee for the past five years be brought forward at an upcoming meeting showing what has been put into reserves and what has been taken out.

7. Accounts and Financial Statements:

Accounts up to and including August 26th, 2010 totaling \$77.62; were reviewed.

The financial statement for the period ending July 31st, 2010 were reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Accessibility Committee	0	0	32,2718	13,704	32,271	13,704

MOTION:

Moved by: Member G. McLachlan and Seconded by: Member M. McCauley:

THAT:

The accounts up to and including August 26th, 2010 and the financial statement for the period ending July 31st, 2010; be received.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Member M. McCauley and Seconded by: Member J. Austin:

THAT:

The HCAAC Agenda and all the material included in the Agenda; be received by the members in advance of the meeting;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A list of follow up items; be included with every Agenda.

CARRIED

8. Next Meeting:

The next meeting for the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee is Monday November 29th, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in the Court House Council Chambers.

9. Adjournment:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member J. Austin and Seconded by: Member M. McCauley:

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee adjourn at 11:37 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair Dorothy Kelly