



Accessibility Advisory Committee

Minutes - January 16, 2012

GODERICH, ONTARIO



HURON COUNTY ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HCAAC)

Goderich, Ontario
January 16th, 2012.

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee met in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich, on the 16th of January, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Chair P. Klopp. Chair Klopp welcomed the members to the meeting and introduced himself as the Chair of the Committee. All members of the Committee were present except members Chris Knapp, Barbara Hicks and Amanda Wattam.

In CAO Adams' absence Clerk Barbara Wilson introduced Warden MacLellan. The members of the Committee introduced themselves.

Staff present were; Accessibility Coordinator Sandra Thompson, CAO Larry Adams, County Planner Claire Dodds, ODA Working Group Representative Lynda Rotteau, Building Official representative Kirk Livingston and County Clerk Barb Wilson. Regrets were received from Social Services Representative Robyn de Weerd.

Pecuniary Conflict of Interest:

There were no declarations of pecuniary conflict of interest.

Accessibility Coordinator to Welcome Building Officials:

The following Chief Building Officials and the municipalities they represent were in attendance at the meeting:

Jim Spence – Town of Goderich

Kirk Livingston – Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh

Tim Masse – Municipality of Bluewater

Steve Fortier – Morris-Turnberry

Dave Black – Township of North Huron

Dwayne McNab – Municipality South Huron

Agenda:

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The HCAAC Agenda for January 16th, 2012; be accepted and all the Reports included in the Agenda; be received.

CARRIED

Minutes:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member L. Falconer and Seconded by: Member J. Austin:

THAT:

The minutes of the November 21st, 2011 Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee; be approved.

CARRIED

Committee member Issues:

There were no Committee member issues.

8. Report of the Accessibility Coordinator

8.1 Customer Services Update and Media Release:

The Committee discussed the media release and would like it condensed prior to it being sent to the media. There was a suggestion to send all the media releases to the Chambers of Commerce and the BIAs in the County in the future.

8.2 Integrated Accessibility Standard Presentation:

Sandra Thompson, Accessibility Coordinator delivered the presentation entitled Integrated Accessibility Standard for the information of the Committee. This presentation was made to the Huron County Clerks and Treasurers Association at their December meeting.

8.3 Integrated Accessibility Project Charter, Project Charter Memo to Council, Integrated Accessibility Standard Regulation (IASR) Update Memo for Council, Integrated Accessibility Standard Regulation (IASR) Implementation Overview:

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The recommendation of Sandra Thompson, Accessibility Coordinator that the Integrated Accessibility Standard Regulation (IASR) Project Charter; be approved by the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Integrated Accessibility Standard Regulation Project Charter; be forwarded to County Council for their approval.

CARRIED

8.4 Integrated Accessibility Standard Report (IASR) Taxi Update:

Materials relating to the requirements of Taxis under the Integrated Accessibility Standard were distributed for information. This same information has been shared with the working group who will share with appropriate staff of the lower tiers.

8.5 Integrated Accessibility Standard Report (IASR) Tips Sheets on Emergency Plans:

Materials relating to the requirements of Emergency Plans under the Integrated Accessibility Standard were distributed for information. This same information has been shared with the working group who will share with appropriate staff of the lower tiers. Sandra Thompson will share this information with appropriate County staff to ensure compliance.

9. Accounts and Financial Statement:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member B. Fisher and Seconded by: Member J. Austin:

THAT:

The unspent funds from the 2011 HCAAC Budget; be brought forward into the 2012 budget to cover costs of BrowseAloud and TextNet; be approved.

CARRIED

10. Reports from the HCAAC Sub-Committees:

Sandra Thompson, Accessibility Coordinator reviewed the HCAAC Sub-Committees for the information of the Committee. They are as follows:

- a) Building Plan Review & Physical Architectural Assessment Committee:
- b) Special Events, Awareness & Community Education Committee:
- c) Directive and Regulation Review Committee:

11. New Business and/or Unfinished Business:

Member McCauley inquired if there are any plans regarding the Awards Program. Accessibility Coordinator Thompson advised she will be calling a meeting to discuss this in the near future.

Member McCauley requested an updated membership list be forwarded to all the members of the Committee. Clerk Wilson will see this is completed.

County Planner Claire Dodds commented on the Master Plan Exercise for Town of Goderich that was recently held. The Town of Goderich is working toward rebuilding to be better than before tornado. A contract has been awarded to one of the top urban design firms in Canada. "Planning Partnership" will be consulting with the public and targeted groups with interests. Planning Partnership will sort through the hopes, wishes and desires for the most devastated areas hit by tornado. They will get an understanding of what the community wants and accessibility was recognized in the contract. It will be a five month project and this Committee can communicate their wishes and desires for Goderich's rebuilding.

Member Fisher inquired about the accessibility of the Blyth Library. Warden MacLellan commented that each municipality must work toward the guidelines established by the County of Huron for the library branches located in all the member municipalities. Currently Blyth is going through a streetscape exercise. This project will be long term plan and will take many years to implement.

12. Possible Future Agenda Items:

The possible future Agenda items discussed were as follows:

- Work Plan related to ISARS
- Awards Program
- National Accessibility Week

Chair Klopp thanked the member municipality's Chief Building Officials for attending the meeting.

Next Meeting March 19th, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.:

This meeting will be held in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich on Monday March 19th, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member E. Bezaire and Seconded: Member L. Falconer:

THAT:

The HCAAC meeting; do now adjourn at 11:23 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair Paul Klopp