



Accessibility Advisory Committee

Minutes - November 9, 2009

GODERICH, ONTARIO



**HURON COUNTY ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(HCAAC)**

Goderich, Ontario
November 9th, 2009.

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee (HCAAC) met in the Court House Council Chambers, in Goderich on the 9th of November, 2009. All members of the Board were present. Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Member G. McLachlan left the meeting at 10:45 a.m. and Member M. McCauley left the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Declaration of Pecuniary Conflicts of Interest and the General Nature Thereof:
There were no declarations of pecuniary conflict of interest.

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The minutes of the October 13th, 2009 Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes:

a) Review the five challenges sent by members of the Committee to Accessibility Co-ordinator Sarah Clemons. Accessibility Co-ordinator Clemons has summarized the priorities on a chart with the assistance of Sally McMullen; for members to review.

Sally McMullen reviewed the process to move forward as an Advisory Committee; including the Strategic Plan and the Terms of Reference. The members of the Committee were impressed with the chart. They thought it would be useful to be used in 2010 as a communication tool for the Committee and the Working Group.

Monday January 18th at 9:30 a.m. is set for the Committee to meet in the Committee room at the Court House to work on completing the Action Plan

Chart with the Terms of Reference and the five challenges submitted by the Committee members.

b) Accessibility Co-ordinator Sarah Clemons has prepared a Report and drafted a Resolution regarding the International Day for Persons with Disabilities; for the lower tier municipalities to consider supporting.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Fisher and Seconded by: Member McLachlan:

THAT:

The Report entitled The International Day of Persons with Disabilities be received.

CARRIED

A request to post on web site the December 3rd The International Day of Persons with Disabilities and the Recommendation that is being sent to lower tiers for their support.

Member McCauley requested Accessibility Co-ordinator Clemons to bring forward in 2010 the weeks that recognize the weeks and days for accessibility in order for the Committee to do their job properly.

Member Fisher suggested Accessibility Co-ordinator to contact the local press for Huron and CKNX and the Beach on December 3rd, advise that it is a special day and there are things they could do locally. Possibly advise who the members of the Committee are and do an in depth interview with them for more visibility in the area.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member McCauley and Seconded by: Member Fisher:

WHEREAS The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) Section 1; recognizes the history of discrimination against persons with disabilities in Ontario, the purpose of this Act is to benefit all Ontarians by;

- a) developing, implementing and enforcing accessibility standards in order to achieve accessibility for Ontarians with disabilities with respect to goods, services, facilities, accommodation, employment, buildings, structures and premises on or before January 1st, 2025 and;
- b) providing for the involvement of persons with disabilities, of the Government of Ontario and of representatives of industries and of various sectors of the economy in the development of the accessibility standards;

AND WHEREAS the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee's (HCAAC) Mission Statement is to fulfill the purpose of the Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001 for participating municipal councils in our county by providing vision, direction and advice towards the removal of barriers; and
Work in collaboration with the Huron County Disability Act Working Group to review plans to promote and facilitate a seamless approach to effective barrier removal across the county in public municipal buildings;

AND WHEREAS International Day for Persons with Disabilities is being recognized on Thursday December 3rd, 2009;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

HCAAC is requesting each of the lower tier municipalities within the County of Huron to recognize Thursday December 3rd, 2009 as International Day for Persons with Disabilities.

CARRIED

c) A request from Member McCauley for meeting dates for 2010 to be discussed.

The following dates have been set for 2010 to commence at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers in the Court House:

March 1st

June 7th

September 13th

November 29th

Member McLachlan is meeting in Frankenmuth this afternoon to discuss accessibility in Ontario and will be bringing information back from Frankenmuth.

Member McLachlan requested the handbook from the Province of Ontario about being a member of an Accessibility Advisory Committee be made available to all members of HCAAC.

d) A request to discuss the membership of the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Harper and seconded by: Member McLachlan:

THAT:

The Committee give direction to Accessibility Co-ordinator Clemons to advertise on the County of Huron Website and in the newspaper for members interested in being a member of the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

e) Confirmation of \$37.29 invoice from the October meeting. It was a pot of coffee for the Working Group in August, 2009.

Members' Issues:

There were no Members' issues.

6. New and or Other Business:

6.1 Committee requests for Agenda items:

High priority from Committee members; agreed to meet in January to fill out their action plan and talk about where these fit into the plan. All members agreed to discuss the following at the January 18th meeting.

a) preparation of standard displays and materials for future exhibit opportunities within the County of Huron

b) scoping out a program to create a regular column within local newspapers regarding accessibility issues

c) an update on the lower tier municipal Accessibility Plans

d) an update on the work the Province is doing on the preparation of the four remaining standards, including anticipated deadlines for the preparation of draft documents that will be in circulation for comments. How and when the Committee could see these draft documents and how staff can assist in the Committee in reviewing and providing comments back to the Province on the drafts.

Accounts and Financial Statements:

Accounts for October 2009 totaling \$247.74 will be reviewed.

The financial statement for the period ending September 30, 2009 will be reviewed.

	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated	Actual	Prorated
Accessibility Committee	0	0	\$17,697	\$41,490	\$17,697	\$41,490

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The accounts for October 2009 and the financial statement for the period ending September 30th, 2009 be received.

CARRIED

8. Budget discussions for 2010:

CAO Adams and Accessibility Co-ordinator Clemons to discuss the 2010 Budget.

Member Falconer expressed that at a meeting in October with members, it was discussed that the budget would not be altered for 2010 and that any surplus from 2009 would be carried over into 2010. Accessibility Co-ordinator Clemons will forward the completed draft Budget to the members of the Committee as soon as is completed.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member L. Falconer and Seconded by: Member L. Harper:

THAT:

The draft budget be consolidated into the County draft budget and brought back for further discussion.

CARRIED

MOTION:

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

THAT:

Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee (HCAAC) request the \$4,000 of operating surplus from the 2009 Budget be carried over to the 2010 Budget.

CARRIED

Next Meeting:

Monday January 18th, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in the Committee Room in the Court House as a Special meeting to discuss the Committee's five priorities and the Terms of Reference in the Action Plan Chart.

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Adjournment:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Harper and Seconded by: Member Falconer:

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee do now adjourn. At 11:10
a.m.

CARRIED

Chair Dorothy Kelly