



Accessibility Advisory Committee

Minutes - June 20, 2011

GODERICH, ONTARIO



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

Goderich, Ontario
June 20th, 2011.

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee met in the Court House Council Chambers on the 20th of June, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 9:38 a.m. by Chair D. Frayne. Chair Frayne welcomed the members to the meeting. All members of the Committee were present except Member Kevin Dickins.

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

Accessibility Coordinator Sandra Thompson reported she had been in contact with two potential new members for HCAAC. Tracey Carter has expressed an interest in becoming a member of the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee in the capacity of a Professional. Tracey works with people with disabilities. Amanda Wattam is interested in becoming a member of HCAAC. Amanda has a bone disease that presents challenges to her daily living routine.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member C. Knapp and Seconded by: Member B. Fisher:

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee; recommend to the Council of the County of Huron; that Tracey Carter; be appointed to the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee as a Professional member;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Amanda Wattam; be appointed to the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee as a member with a Disability.

CARRIED

MOTION:

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

THAT:

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The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee accept with regret; the resignation of Kevin Dickins, a Professional member of the Committee; effective June 20th, 2011.

CARRIED

There were no conflicts of interest stated by members of the Committee with regard to items on the Agenda.

MOTION:

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

THAT:

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

CARRIED

5. Draft In-Vehicle Gas Station Signage:

In Robyn de Weerd's absence Sandra Thompson presented four logos; further to the In-Vehicle Gas Station signage, for the Committee to review.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member G. McLachlan and Seconded by: Member C. Knapp:

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee direct Accessibility Coordinator Sandra Thompson to proceed with the *In-Vehicle Full Service Provided* signage with logo number 3.

CARRIED

6. Instituting an Awards Program:

Member Maureen McCauley introduced an Awards Program. This Awards Program will recognize someone in the public sector and someone in the private sector; who has worked in the construction industry to construct or develop an accessible building or facility. The benefits of this program were discussed. One of the benefits would be congratulating someone who has done a good job and the second benefit would be to raise the profile of accessibility in Huron County.

There was a great deal of discussion on how to administer this program.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member McCauley and Seconded by: Member Falconer:

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee direct Accessibility Coordinator Sandra Thompson to work with the Awareness and Education Committee to prepare the draft criteria for a Huron County Awards Program for the September 26th, 2011 meeting.

CARRIED

7. Report on the National Access Awareness Week Event:

Accessibility Coordinator Sandra Thompson reported on the National Access Awareness Week Event that was held in Clinton at the REACH Centre on June 1st, 2011.

8. Possible Rick Hansen Event:

Accessibility Coordinator Sandra Thompson reported on the possibility of a Rick Hansen Event in Huron County in 2012 or 2013.

MOTION:

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

THAT:

Accessibility Coordinator Sandra Thompson; be directed to explore Rick Hansen's availability for 2012;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Member Maureen McCauley will work to find potential partners; such as Service Clubs in the community to parallel with HCAAC's efforts; if this event comes to fruition.

CARRIED

9. Integrated Accessibility Standard Now Law – Next Steps:

Accessibility Coordinator Sandra Thompson reported that the Integrated Accessibility Standard is now law. The timeline for some of the regulations is July 1st, 2011; however this will not impact Huron County as Huron County does not have public transit.

10. Presentation from Brad Knight from Huron East – Renovations to the Brussels Pool:

Brad Knight, Treasurer of the Municipality of Huron East delivered a power point presentation on the accessibility improvements that are being done to the Brussels Morris Grey (BMG) Pool. The Municipality of Huron East has made application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for partial funding. The Brussels Lions Club is a partner in the accessibility renovations at the BMG Pool. The announcement of the funding application should be around July 1st, 2011.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member McLachlan and Seconded by: Member Falconer:

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee; direct staff to forward a letter of support from the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for the application by the Municipality of Huron East for the accessibility renovations at the Brussels Morris Grey (BMG) Pool.

CARRIED

Possible Future Agenda Items:

1) The comments and recommendations from the Site Plan Review Committee should be copied to the Building Officials in the member municipalities. There was a break down in communication with the Arena in Seaforth. The Building Official did not receive the comments and recommendations from the Site Plan Review Committee so the recommendations from the Site Plan Review Committee were not completed.

Sandra Thompson will ensure that the Building Officials for the lower tiers are copied with the comments and recommendations from the Site Plan Review Committee. HCAAC will also receive a copy of those comments and recommendations at the meeting held immediately following the submission of the comments and recommendations.

A letter will be sent with the comments and recommendations requesting that the Building Officials respond; if possible, to HCAAC advising of the recommendations that were completed and the reason why the recommendations were not completed.

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Paul Josling the Chief Building Official from the Municipality of Huron East was in attendance and confirmed that he did not receive the comments and recommendations from the Site Plan Review Committee regarding the Seaforth Arena. CBO Josling is in agreement with the comments and recommendations being sent to the member municipality Chief Building Officials as well as the municipality.

CAO Adams suggested that at our next meeting all the member municipality's Chief Building Officials be invited to come and share a cup of coffee and a muffin or donut with the Committee members.

Accessibility Coordinator Sandra Thompson will send out letters to all the Chief Building Officials in Huron County in lots of time for them to schedule the date of the next meeting into their calendars.

2) A suggestion of an Accessibility Guide for facilities in Huron County be discussed. The suggestion included; for example; a specific recreation facility, identifying if there good accessible parking, washrooms, heated viewing area etc.

3) A question from a member asked if the Site Plans for the Knights of Columbus Community Hall in Goderich have been received yet. Lynda Rotteau will follow up with this question.

4) A request from a member for the audible sound system at the five points intersection in Goderich be repaired and maintained. Lynda Rotteau will follow up with this request and the Town of Goderich.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member McCauley and Seconded by: Member Falconer:

THAT:

A request to the Town of Goderich; be lodged to inquire if the audible sound system at the five points intersection in Goderich can be repaired and maintained.

CARRIED

Accessibility Coordinator Sandra Thompson reported she has an extension at the County of Huron. Her phone number is 519-524-8394 extension 259; and for long distance her phone number is 1-888-524-8394 extension 259.

Next Meeting September 26th, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.:

Please make a note of this meeting date as it has changed from when the dates were originally discussed.

Adjournment:

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The meeting do now adjourn at 11:18 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair Dave Frayne