



Accessibility Advisory Committee

Minutes - November 26, 2012

GODERICH, ONTARIO



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

Goderich, Ontario
November 26th, 2012

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee met in the Council Chambers, Court House, Goderich, on the 26th of November, 2012. Chair P. Klopp called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. All members of the Committee were present except member Tracey Carter.

Staff present was; Accessibility Coordinator Sandra Thompson, County Planner Claire Dodds, ODA Working Group representative Lynda Rotteau, Social Services representative Robyn de Weerd, Goderich Chief Building Official Jim Spence and Acting CAO & Deputy Clerk, Heather Adams.

2. Pecuniary Conflict of Interest:

There were no declarations of pecuniary conflict of interest.

3. Agenda:

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The HCAAC Agenda for November 26th, 2012; be accepted and all the Reports included in the Agenda; be received.

CARRIED

4. Introduction

Chair P. Klopp introduced Debbie Braun as the new member of the Committee. Ms Braun is the mother of two special needs boys. She is replacing Tracey Carter on the HCAAC.

MOTION:

Moved by Member L. Falconer and Seconded by: Member C. Knapp:

THAT:

In order to fill the vacancy caused by Tracey Carter's resignation, Debbie Braun be accepted as the Committee's Family Member.

CARRIED

5. Minutes:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member B. Fisher and Seconded by: Member B. Hicks:

THAT:

The minutes of the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of September 17, 2012; be adopted as circulated with the amendment to spell Member Spence's name without the 'r' on the end.

CARRIED

6. Committee Member Issues:

Member C. Knapp wrote to the Committee requesting financial support for YMCA membership fees for persons on a disability pension. Member L. Rotteau advised that the YMCA does have reduced fees for persons who require financial support and the Y has a policy that no one is turned away from the YMCA due to financial considerations. Member Rotteau will bring back information to the next Committee meeting.

7. Report of the Accessibility Co-ordinator:

Accessibility Coordinator S. Thompson presented the reports; for the information of the Board.

7.1 Master Plan Downtown Rebuild – Accessible Parking:

Accessibility Coordinator S. Thompson reviewed the resolution to the accessible parking concerns raised by the Committee. Thanks to everyone who assisted in making this happen.

7.2 Draft Multi-Year and Annual Accessibility Plans:

The AODA requires a Five-Year Plan and that it be reviewed annually. The ODA requires an Annual Plan. Accessibility Coordinator S. Thompson presented both for the consideration of the Committee.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member L. Falconer Seconded by: Member C. O'Reilly:

THAT:

The HCAAC hereby approves the Multi-Year and Annual Accessibility Plans to be forwarded to County Council and the Lower Tier Councils by the Coordinator.

CARRIED

7.3 Draft Integrated Accessibility Training Proposal:

Accessibility Coordinator S. Thompson presented the draft Integrated Accessibility Training Proposal for approval.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member C. Knapp; Seconded by: Member L. Falconer:

THAT:

Accessibility Coordinator S. Thompson will demonstrate, at the next meeting of the Committee, several of the on-line training modules developed by the Province of Ontario.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Warden B. MacLellan; Seconded by: Member L. Falconer:

THAT:

The draft Integrated Accessibility Training Proposal be received and forwarded to County Council.

CARRIED

7.4 Draft Emergency Workplace Response Policy & Individual Emergency Workplace Response Plan Form:

This item was deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

7.5 Review HCAAC Priorities & Update if Necessary:

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The first half of the next HCAAC meeting be dedicated to a facilitated discussion regarding the 2013 Priorities for the HCAAC.

CARRIED

7.6 Tracking List:

No further comments.

8. Accounts and Financial Statement:

Accessibility Coordinator S. Thompson advised that the 2012 year-end report will be presented at the next meeting and that the 2013 budget for the HCAAC remains the same as in 2012.

9. Reports from the HCAAC Sub-Committees:

9.1 Building Plan Review & Physical Architectural Assessment Committee:

No report.

9.2 Special Events, Awareness & Community Education Committee:

Accessibility Coordinator S. Thompson advised that the Sub-committee met and will be drafting criteria for an awards program. The Sub-committee also discussed options for the 2013 National Access Awareness Week Event and is recommending inviting Alvin Law to present again in 2013.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member B. Hicks; Seconded by: Member B. Fisher:

THAT:

The HCAAC approves inviting Alvin Law as the main speaker for the National Access Awareness Week Event;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A corporate sponsor be sought for the event.

Member B. Hicks volunteered to do outreach to promote the event with Community Groups and in the schools. Member C. O'Reilly suggest considering the involvement of other community members to show what they can do.

9.3 Directive and Regulation Review Committee:

Accessibility Coordinator S. Thompson noted the letter sent to the Ministry of Community and Social Services on behalf of the HCAAC with feedback on the Design of Public Spaces Standard.

10. New Business and/or Unfinished Business:

Member L. Rotteau noted a discussion she had with a private business that chose not to install an accessible access door when constructing a new building.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member L. Falconer; Seconded by: Member C. O'Reilly:

THAT:

A letter be drafted by L. Rotteau and S. Thompson to the business and thanking them for their choices to support accessibility and sharing information about making the building more accessible with a fully accessible entrance door.

CARRIED

It was noted that a promotional strategy to get the word out about the benefits of having accessible places of business.

11. Items for the Next Meeting Agenda:

Members should come prepared with their top three priorities for the discussion of the 2013 HCAAC priorities.

12. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the HCAAC will be circulated to the Committee at a later date.

Warden B. MacLellan advised that he has very much enjoyed working with the Committee and thanked the members for their work.

Chair P. Klopp advised that he has enjoyed being the Chair of the Committee, that he has learned a lot and thanked the members for their good work.

13. Adjournment:

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The HCAAC meeting; do now adjourn at 10:55 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair Paul Klopp