



Accessibility Advisory Committee

Minutes - March 18, 2013

GODERICH, ONTARIO



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

Goderich, Ontario
March 18th, 2013

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee met in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich, on the 18th of March 2013.

1. Chair Gowing called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. and welcomed the members to the meeting. All members of the Committee were present except Maureen McCauley.

Staff present was: Accessibility Coordinator Sandra Thompson, County Planner Arthur Churchyard, and Clerk Susan Cronin.

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 March 18th, 2013; be accepted and all the Reports included in the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

4. Minutes:

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The minutes of the January 14th, 2013 Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee; be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5. Committee Member Issues:

Member M. McLachlan expressed concerns regarding the accessible parking around the County Courthouse specifically the distinction between curb and road and lack of markings. S. Thompson will follow-up with County Staff.

6. Report of the Accessibility Co-ordinator:

Sandra Thompson, Accessibility Co-ordinator reviewed the Revised Priorities and Actions for the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Priorities that are legislated:

- 1) Advise Council annually, as required by legislation, regarding the preparation, implementation and effectiveness of the annual accessibility plans of the participating municipalities.
- 2) Review and advise municipalities on the accessibility of building plans and drawings for renovation and new construction of public buildings as well as review of site plans. A committee has been established with processes developed. Ms. Thompson will contact the building officials to ensure they are aware of the Huron County's Universal Design and Accessibility Guideline for Site Plan Control document. The proposed draft Built Environment standard will also be forwarded for information.
- 3) Advise participating municipalities on the accessibility of buildings, structures or premises or part of a building, structure or premises, that the municipalities lease, purchase, construct or significantly renovate. The Building Plan Review, Site Plan and Physical Architectural Assessment Committee will assess a minimum of 6 County buildings.
- 4) Development and implementing of programs to educate agencies, businesses and the broader private sector about the AODA, Huron County's Universal Design and Accessibility Guideline for Site Plan Control, and the importance of identifying, preventing and removing barriers/challenges faced by people with disabilities. A special Events Awareness and Community Education Sub-Committee will be formed.
- 5) Provide advice to County Council and participating municipalities with respect to government directives and regulations relating to the status of persons with disabilities including regulations for the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.
- 6) To increase awareness and create a stronger presence in the community, the HCAAC will participate in National Accessibility Awareness Week by hosting an interactive event. The Special Events and Community Education Sub-Committee will be formed.

- 7) The HCAAC will develop strong relations with County Council and all municipalities by providing bi-monthly correspondence outline advancements, successes and need-to-know items.

6.2 IARS Training Modules – members watched this presentation.

6.3 Design of Public Spaces and Built Environment Standards (Arthur Churchyard Presented):

The Public Spaces Standard, which was enacted within the Integrated Accessibility Regulation as of December 2012 applies to new construction and major changes to existing features, but not to building interiors. Highlights include: recreational trails/beach access routes, outdoor public eating areas like rest stops/picnic areas, outdoor play spaces such as playgrounds in provincial parks and local communities, outdoor paths of travel, accessible parking, service related elements like service counters, maintenance and restoration of public spaces.

Scope of Building Code Changes for an Accessible Built Environment

The proposed Building Code changes focus on topics such as: renovations, barrier-free path of travel, vertical access (elevators), visitable suites in multi-unit residential buildings, adaptable design and construction, visual fire alarms, washrooms, use of educational materials and resources.

7. Reports from the HCAAC Sub-Committees:

7.1 Building Plan Review & Physical Architectural Assessment Committee: The Sub-Committee will meet following this meeting to review Central Huron's Council Chamber renovations.

7.2 Special Events, Awareness & Community Education Committee: The Committee is looking for a sponsor for the presentation planned for National Access Awareness Week event held in May, 2013. Contact will be made with local school boards and advertising will be done.

7.3 Directive and Regulation Review Committee: A meeting will be arranged.

8. New Business and/or Unfinished Business:

The International Plowing Match 2017 will be held in Huron County. This committee will need to be involved. Sandra Thompson has contacted the Accessibility Coordinator for Perth County as the event will be hosted there in 2013.

There was discussion regarding the availability of public transportation.

9. Items for the Next Meeting Agenda:

- Priority List will be charted and presented
- IAR Standard Training Module
- Update on National Awareness Week Public Event of May 30/13
- Awards Program-draft and nomination process

10. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the HCAAC will be Monday June 17th, 2013 at 9:30 a.m., in the Council Chambers of the Court House in Goderich.

11. Adjournment:

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The HCAAC meeting adjourns at 11:28 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair Paul Gowing