



# Accessibility Advisory Committee

Minutes - June 17, 2013

GODERICH, ONTARIO



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

Goderich, Ontario  
June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee met in the Court House Council Chambers, Goderich, on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2013.

1. Chair Gowing called the meeting to order at 9:33 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, Student Planner Mitchell Avis, CAO Brenda Orchard (departed at 10:50 a.m.) and Clerk Susan Cronin.

**2. Pecuniary Interest:**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

**3. Agenda:**

MOTION:

Moved by: Warden Robertson and Seconded by: Member Falconer

THAT:

The HCAAC Agenda for June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 be accepted and all the Reports included in the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

**4. Minutes:**

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Fisher and Seconded by: Member Austin

THAT:

The minutes of the March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**5. Committee Member Issues:**

Chair Gowing attended the forum for municipal Accessibility Advisory Committees held in London on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013. He forwarded information to Accessibility Coordinator Sandra Thompson. On May 30, 2013 Alvin Law

presented at the REACH Centre in Clinton as part of National Awareness Week. Chair Gowing thanked Sandra Thompson for planning the event. It was well attended and very successful.

Warden Robertson requested the Building Plan Review and Physical Architectural Assessment Committee review the Kirkton Hall. This is jointly run by South Huron and Perth South.

**MOTION:**

Moved by: Warden Robertson and Seconded by: Member Hicks

**THAT:**

The request for review of the Kirkton Hall facility (hall, pool, library) be forwarded to the Building Plan Review and Physical Architectural Assessment Committee.

**AND FURTHER THAT:**

Accessibility Coordinator Sandra Thompson organize this review with committee members and South Huron/Perth South municipal staff.

**CARRIED**

Member Fisher expressed safety concerns regarding the height of the signs around the Goderich Court House, the 2017 IPM and the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority building renovations having input from the HCAAC. Sandra Thompson will investigate these concerns.

Chair Gowing introduced CAO Brenda Orchard to the Committee. Arthur Churchyard introduced Mitchell Avis, Student in the Planning Department to the Committee.

Member Falconer reviewed a concern she received regarding the accessibility of the ramp and parking at the North Huron municipal office. Sandra Thompson will contact CBO Black.

**6. Report of the Accessibility Co-ordinator:**

6.1 Sandra Thompson reviewed revised priorities that are mandated and non-mandated. These will be forwarded to Maureen McCauley for further comment.

6.2 Sandra Thompson reviewed the revised policies that will be presented to the County of Huron Council on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Two new policies will be presented to the HCAAC after going through the policy review process.

6.3 Sandra Thompson is organizing speaker engagements for the BIA to keep them informed on legislation. There was discussion regarding audible street lights.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member O'Reilly and Seconded by: Member Bezaire

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee accept the reports of the Accessibility Coordinator as presented.

CARRIED

## **7. Reports from the HCAAC Sub-Committees:**

### **7.1 Building Plan Review & Physical Architectural Assessment Committee:**

The Sub-Committee presented reports on reviews of the Winthrop Ballpark and OPP Station Tour at 50 Courthouse Square.

Arthur Churchyard and Mitchell Avis made an overview presentation on the changes made to the Integrated Accessibility Standard Regulation under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. The Huron County Accessibility Guideline will be updated. The changes effect new and redevelopment projects such as exterior paths of travel (stairs, accessible pedestrian signals, rest areas, parking. The Ontario Building Code is currently undergoing an update to their accessibility requirements. There was discussion regarding the interior and exterior site plan reviews as well as the process and implementation of building permits at the lower tier. Input from building inspectors will be obtained.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Falconer and Seconded by: Member Hicks

THAT:

Staff prepare a report for presentation in September regarding legislative requirements that effect the Huron County Accessibility Guidelines.

CARRIED

### **7.2 Special Events, Awareness & Community Education Committee:**

The Committee informed members that the presentation for National Access Awareness Week held in May, 2013 by Alvin Law was successful.

Considerations for next year will be to obtain a corporate sponsor and to start organization earlier.

An Award of Merit was presented to Huron East for the Brussels Library renovations project. The Brussels Library has an accessible entrance, unisex washroom, accessible service counter, wider aisle and public meeting room that is accessible.

Sandra Thompson informed the committee that she has been in contact with Perth County's Accessibility Coordinator, Julia Opie. HCAAC will participate in the 2013 International Plowing Match at a cost of \$35 per table. Sandra Thompson will circulate a schedule to "man" the table at this event. Julia Opie is organizing an event for the International Day for Persons with Disabilities on December 3 with the Avon Maitland District School Board called "In Your Shoes Event" for grade 6 students.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Austin and Seconded by: Member Hicks

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee approve participation in the "In Your Shoes Event" with Avon Maitland District School Board, Perth County, Town of St. Marys and City of Stratford on December 3, 2013.

CARRIED

### **7.3 Directive and Regulation Review Committee:**

Nothing to report.

### **8. New Business and/or Unfinished Business:**

The Huron County Active Transportation Committee has requested a member of the HCAAC to provide input at the June 20, 2013 meeting. Member Chris Knap will attend on behalf of the committee.

It was stated that members that are attending meetings on behalf of HCAAC will be compensated for mileage and any commitment that is over 3.5 hours.

### **9. Items for the Next Meeting Agenda:**

- IAR Standard Training Module
- Final Objectives

**10. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the HCAAC will be Monday September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 9:30 a.m., in the Council Chambers of the Court House in Goderich.

**11. Adjournment:**

MOTION:

Moved by: Member McLachan and Seconded: Member Austin

THAT:

The HCAAC meeting adjourns at 11:30 a.m.

CARRIED

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Chair Paul Gowing