



Accessibility Advisory Committee

Minutes - November 23, 2015

GODERICH, ONTARIO



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

Goderich, Ontario
November 23, 2015

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee met in the Council Chambers, Court House, Goderich, on the 23rd day of November 2015. All members of the Committee were present except Member Barbara Hicks. Member Braun departed at 10:38 a.m.

Staff present: County Clerk Susan Cronin, County Planner Claire Dodds, Student Planner Rachel Martin and Chief Building Official Steve Fortier. Accessibility Coordinator Sandra Thompson and ODA Working Group representative Janice Hallahan were absent.

1. Chair Frayne called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Burnfield and Seconded by: Member Jacques

THAT:

The HCAAC Agenda for November 23, 2015 be accepted and all reports included in the Agenda be received as presented.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None.

4. Minutes:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Burnfield and Seconded by: Member Groom

THAT:

The minutes of the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of October 26, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations/Petitions/Presentations: None.

6. Committee Member Issues:

Warden Gowing stated that the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry nominated Sandra Thompson for the David C. Onley Award for Leadership in Accessibility.

Chair Frayne informed members that he obtained literature at the Ontario West Conference on "Making Events Accessible" and "Web Cafes-Accessibility Sessions".

7. Reports of the Accessibility Coordinator:

7.1 Emergency Call System in County Owned Accessible Washrooms: (presented by Laurie Jacques and Claire Dodds)

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee provide feedback, recommendations and options to the Planning Department and Building Officials on how to accommodate the Emergency Call System for accessible washrooms.

CARRIED

7.2 Medicinal Marijuana – For information.

7.3 New Cane For The Blind - For information.

Two Media Clips regarding the Innovative Path System (IPS) pilot project.

http://www.citynews.ca/2015/06/02/electronic-cane-can-help-visually-impaired-see-their-surroundings/?show_id=0

<http://www.vaughan.ca/news/Pages/New-accessibility-technology-makes-debut-in-Vaughan.aspx>

7.4 New Sesame Street Character – Julia, a girl living with autism – For information.

8. Reports of the HCAAC Sub-Committees:

8.1 Universal Design and Accessibility Guideline for Site Plan Control Update: (presented by Claire Dodds)

MOTION:

Moved by: Warden Gowing and Seconded by: Member O'Reilly

THAT:

The updated 2015 Huron County “Universal Design and Accessibility Guideline for Site Plan Control” be forwarded to County Council for endorsement and circulation to Huron County Municipalities for adoption by by-law.

CARRIED

8.2 Special Events, Awareness & Community Education Committee:

- National Access Awareness Week Update – Member Braun will contact Luca “Lazylegz” Patuelli as a guest speaker. Clinton may be a location for the event. Further information will be presented at the next meeting.

8.3 Building Plan Review, Site Plan & Physical Architectural Assessment Committee: (presented by Claire Dodds)

- Brussels Legion Expansion
- Additional Accessible Washrooms at the Belgrave Arena
- Belgrave Community Centre

9. New Business and/or Unfinished Business:

9.1 David C. Onley Award for Leadership in Accessibility: Warden Gowing informed members that Huron County Council is to consider a nomination on December 2, 2015. Two letters of testimony are needed in support.

MOTION:

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

THAT:

The Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee provide testimonial support in the nomination of Sandra Thompson for the David C. Onley Award for Leadership in Accessibility.

CARRIED

10. Accounts and Financial Statements:

Accounts up to and including October 22, 2015 totalling \$4,522.25 were reviewed. The financial statements for the period ending September 30, 2015 were reviewed.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Burnfield and Seconded by: Member Jacques

THAT:

The accounts up to and including October 22, 2015 and the financial statements for the period ending September 30, 2015, be received.

CARRIED

11. Closed to the Public Session: None.

12. Items for the Next Meeting Agenda:

Special Events Update by Member Braun.

13. Next Meeting:

The 2016 meetings are January 11, March 14, June 13, September 12 and November 14.

14. Adjournment:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Thomson and Seconded by: Warden Gowing

THAT:

The HCAAC meeting adjourn at 10:50 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair David Frayne