

St. Thomas Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

MINUTES May 24, 2018

- Location:** Senior's Centre
- Time:** 8:30 a.m.
- Present:** Ken Lizotte, Lisa Kelly, Ginny Chapman, Ken Moser, Blake Webber, Councillor Joan Rymal, Cathy Topping, Jim Stacey, Don Shaw
- Regrets:** Graham Dart,

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Motion by Joan Rymal to adopt the minutes from the March 22, 2018, meeting, seconded by Jim Stacey. All in favour, CARRIED.

UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS

1. Ramps – The Committee received notification from Justin Lawrence, ES Director for the City of St. Thomas, that you cannot install ramps on City sidewalks. Joan Rymal informed everyone that there is a new program titled Accessibility on Main St. Project. This is a new initiative that is working on making main streets in Cities, more accessible. Lisa Kelly has applied to sit on this committee. Lisa has been working with Earl Taylor on this initiative.
2. Open House – September 27th, 1 – 3 p.m. at the Seniors Centre – Joan gave a full report on the updated status of this event. Ginny will obtain names tags from the Clerk's Department and have them ready for the Members of the Accessibility Committee. She listed all participating vendors to date and there was discussion on where to advertise looking for more vendors as well as advertising the open house. Ginny is to create a flyer that will be handed out to the public to promote this event. Some suggestions to have available at the venue is information on "complete streets" which has been adopted by the City for future infrastructure in the City. Joan also requested the ES Dept. have a display similar to the Home and Garden show.

A motion was made by Ken Moser to approve the expenditure of up to \$700 to purchase bags with the new City logo, to hand out to all attendees to assist in the gathering of information and also to approve the expenditure of \$250 to purchase 10 \$25 gift certificates to be used as door prizes; seconded by Blake Weber. All in favour, CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Site Audits – Site audits will be carried out on June 21st. Members are to meet at Waterworks Park at 9 a.m. for the first audit. From there the Committee will continue on to the Public Works Service Centre, then on to Jaycee's Pool and will finish out at the Tourism office.
2. Municipal Election Accessibility Plan – Members had been given the plan electronically for review. Cathy Topping commented that for places that have a lift chair access, please ensure there was someone there to operate it. Lisa Kelly motioned to approve the plan, seconded by Don Shaw. All in favour, CARRIED
3. Joan Rymal mentioned that the Library had released their new Health & Safety Plan. She felt it was valuable for the Accessibility Advisory Committee to know what aspects a Health & Safety Committee inspect to assist them in their site audits. The Committee will ask Graham Dart to bring to meeting following the open house, a brief outline of other Health & Safety Committees in the City and what their processes are.
4. Don Shaw had some concerns regarding sidewalk corners within the City where it was not conducive for a scooter/wheelchair to get from one side of the street to the other. Specifically White and Centre St. and Chestnut and Churchill. He stated that you have to go to the nearest driveway to be able to get up onto the sidewalk. Ginny to notify the Roads section to see if anything could be done. Also mentioned was the fact that people are putting their garbage/recycling out on City sidewalks blocking access to the sidewalk if in a mobility device. Also, requested a reminder to the waste collection company, to


please not put containers back onto City sidewalks. Ginny to request Michelle Shannon touch base with the contracted waste collector.

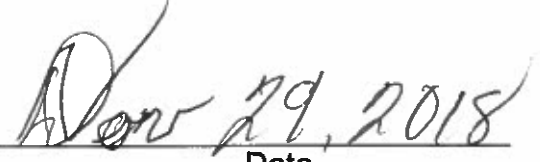
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on June 21, 2018 9:00 a.m. commencing at Waterworks Park for the completion of site audits..

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m. was made by Ken Lizotte, seconded by Don Shaw. All in favour, CARRIED


Signed, Chair, Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee


Date