

# **St. Thomas Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting**

## **MINUTES January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015**

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**Location:** St. Thomas Seniors' Centre

**Time:** 9am

**Present:** Ed McLachlan, Councillor Joan Rymal, Ginny Chapman, Lesley Buchanan, Don Shaw, Bernard Clarke

**Regrets:** Dave White, Brent Rowden, Cathy Topping, David McNea

Meeting was called to order at 9 a.m.

### **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

There were no minutes from the November 27, 2014 meeting as there was no quorum.

### **UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS**

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

None

### **MUNICIPAL ACCESSIBILITY TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

No report

### **ACCESSIBILITY PLAN**

Nothing New

### **SITE PLAN COMMITTEE**

### **SITE AUDIT REPORTS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Ed welcomed the newest member of the Committee, Bernard Clarke. He then turned to meeting over to Ginny Chapman for Elections.
2. Ginny asked members to nominate a candidate for Chair of the Committee. Joan Rymal nominated Ed McLachlan, Lesley Buchanan seconded the motion. All in favour. Carried  
  
Ginny asked members to nominate a Vice Chair. Joan Rymal nominated Lesley Buchanan, Don Shaw seconded the motion. All in favour. Carried.  
  
Ginny handed the meeting back to Ed McLachlan.
3. Ed shared a letter that he had sent on behalf of the Committee to the new Committee for Age-Friendly Community Planning, offering support. He also handed out the Program Guidelines for this Committee. The Committee had such members on it as Michael Carroll, Valleyview Administrator, Wendell Graves, CAO/Clerk, City of St. Thomas, Angela from the Sr. Centre.

4. Joan Rymal mentioned that the City had received a Federal Grant in the amount of \$5,000 for funding an improvement at the City for Accessibility. It was requested the Committee send a letter to Council, that MAAC be notified anytime there is an opportunity to apply for funding for accessibility reasons.
5. Joan Rymal stated that the MAAC committee could use some funding. Joan entered a motion that the MAAC committee submit the proper notification to Treasury requesting a grant in the amount of \$3,000/year to be used to purchase item(s) the help make the community more accessible for those with disabilities. (i.e. special picnic table that allows a wheelchair to fit right under it.) Motion was seconded by Lesley. Carried
6. Ed made the announcement that he was going to nominate the MAAC committee to the Honour and Awards.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on March 26, 2015 (the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday every other month) at 9am at the Seniors' Centre.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Lesley Buchanan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 a.m., seconded by Don Shaw. Carried.

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Signed, Chair, Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date