

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

## **MINUTES September 24, 2015**

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

**Time:** 9am

**Present:** Ed McLachlan, Councillor Joan Rymal, Ginny Chapman, Tino (Bernard) Clarke, David McNea, Don Shaw, Cathy Topping

**Regrets:** Lesley Buchanan, Dave White,

Meeting was called to order at 9 a.m.

### **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

Motion by Don Shaw to adopt the minutes from the June 25, 2015, meeting, seconded by Joan Rymal. All in favour, CARRIED.

### **UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS**

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

None

### **MUNICIPAL ACCESSIBILITY TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

No report

### **ACCESSIBILITY PLAN**

There was some discussion on the 2015 Accessibility Plan and how certain recommendations by the Committee were not being completed. As an example, yellow paint on the ends of an accessible picnic table has not been completed. Joan and Ed are going to review the submissions by the Committee to see remains outstanding.

### **SITE PLAN COMMITTEE**

### **SITE AUDIT REPORTS**

1. Tino to get a copy of the Audit reports to Ginny.
2. Joan and Cathy are to complete their inspections (Library, Memorial, Tourism, and Bus Station if they are back in their building, and report to the Committee in November.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Pinafore Park  
Ed reported that Pinafore Park put in a disabled Johnny on the Spot. It was in a good location, but he received complaints that it was placed on an Accessible Parking spot. Ed suggested that the staff at the park write the word "washroom" under the accessible symbol to signify it is a wheel chair accessible washroom.
2. Curb cuts for new trail – Don Shaw stated that there were still curb cuts for the new trail that are difficult to get over. Ed stated that all curb cuts were done,
3. Don would like to invite Dave White to come with him and ride a scooter round the City. He feels this would be the best way to show his concerns on the difficulties of getting around the

City. Dave McNea mentioned that when the sidewalks slope down for driveways, a sight challenged individual would not be able to see the slope and he himself has fallen.

4. Catherine Spratley has ordered up a frame for a bench/accessible table and has asked if the Municipal Accessibility Committee would consider contributing monies they received from Council towards this project. Ed to talk to Catherine and request a letter requesting this as well as pictures/drawings for the Committee to vote on for the next meeting in November.
5. Ed suggested the Committee invite Graham Dart to the next meeting. Ginny is to extend the invite. – Note: Graham has accepted his invitation.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on November 26, 2015 at 9 a.m

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Cathy Topping made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m., seconded by Don Shaw. Carried.

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Signed, Chair, Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date