

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

## **MINUTES November 26, 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, Cathy Topping, Dave White, Lesley Buchanan arrived late. Guest Graham Dart

**Regrets:** Don Shaw,

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

### **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

Motion by Joan Rymal to adopt the minutes from the September 24, 2015, meeting, seconded by Cathy Topping. All in favour, CARRIED.

### **UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS**

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

None

### **MUNICIPAL ACCESSIBILITY TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

No report

### **ACCESSIBILITY PLAN**

The 2016 Accessibility Plan is now out for review. There was discussion that the MAAC Committee had not yet submitted their audits for 2015 which will still have to be added to this Plan. Ginny to send a copy of the plan to each member.

### **SITE PLAN COMMITTEE**

### **SITE AUDIT REPORTS**

1. Joan handed in the audits for the Library, Tourism building and the Timken Centre.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Ed introduced Graham Dart, Director of Human Resources to everyone. Ed handed out a list of items from the 2015 Accessibility Plan, which have been listed for several years and have never been addressed. There was a great deal of discussion on what the Committee was trying to achieve and as well some feedback from Graham on how the Technical Committee deals with items. There appeared to be some misunderstanding in why the Accessibility Committee was putting certain items forward and some good discussion on how the "City" could make St. Thomas a better place for those with disabilities and enabling them to get around.
2. Take a ride on a scooter – Dave White to work with Don Shaw to complete this in the Spring of 2016,
3. Horton St. Market (new item put in by Cathy Topping) – There was a concern raised that there was a new ramp going in at the Horton St. market and the Committee had not been asked to review the plans. Tino spoke up and apologized stating that he was on the Horton St. Committee and he would ask for a copy of the plans to get to the Committee members.

## NEXT MEETING

**The next meeting will be held on January 28, 2016 at 9 a.m**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Joan Rymal made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m., seconded by Lesley Buchanan. Carried.

**Signed, Chair, Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee**

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