

St. Thomas Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

MINUTES November 24, 2016

Location: St. Thomas Senior's Centre

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Present: David McNea, Cathy Topping, Don Shaw (late), Lesley Buchanan, Joan Rymal, Ginny Chapman

Regrets: Dave White

Meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

There was no minutes from the previous meeting as we did not have quorum.

UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS

1. Take a ride on a scooter – There was discussion a regarding whether this was still required. Members were informed about the new initiative by the City called "Complete Streets" and how all corners ramps when constructed will meet the needs of all. Joan Rymal motioned to remove this item from future agendas, seconded by Dave McNea. CARRIED.
2. Memorial for Ed McLachlan. Lesley ordered both the leaf for the Memory Garden at a cost of \$250 and the plaque for the picnic table at a cost of \$50.
3. Members discussed where to spend the balance of the Grant monies. Cathy made a motion to give the balance of the Grant monies once the above memorials are paid in full, to the Parks for the purchase of Accessible picnic tables, seconded by Brendan, CARRIED

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

MUNICIPAL ACCESSIBILITY TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

No response was received from the Chairperson of the Technical Committee regarding having a representative attend the MAAC meetings. Joan to look into this further.

ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

SITE PLAN COMMITTEE

SITE AUDIT REPORTS

NEW BUSINESS

1. There was discussion regarding the 2017 Accessibility Plan. Members were pleased with the progress that has taken place. Cathy Topping made a motion: "To accept the 2017 Municipal Accessibility Plan, seconded by Don Shaw. CARRIED
2. The City had invited the Accessibility Committee for an inspection of a new bus they are considering purchasing. There was discussion around the accessibility of these new buses and the fact that they are not totally accessible for the larger wheel chairs or scooters. There is not room to get on the bus and manoeuvre around. Joan Rymal stated that the decision had not been made yet and upon discussion with Justin Lawrence, Joan understood that there was a list of 5 criteria they were looking at for future purchases. See attached report.

3. Don Shaw mentioned there were certain curb cuts along the new pathway from Talbot St. to Parkside that were too high for a scooter to comfortably get over. Ginny was requested to prepare a service request asking that the following curb cuts be looked at: Centre St.; Wellington St., both north and south curb cuts and Elm St. on the north side curb cut.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on January 26, 2017 at the Senior's Centre at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Don Shaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m., seconded by Dave McNea, All in favour. CARRIED.

Signed, Chair, Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date