

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ST. THOMAS**  
**THE SECOND MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY**  
**COMMITTEE**

**Seniors' Centre**

**March 22, 2018**

8:31 a.m. The meeting convened.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members**

Cathy Topping, Chair  
Lisa Kelly  
Councillor Joan Rymal  
Jim Stacey  
Ken Lizotte  
Ken Moser

**City Officials**

Melanie Knapp, Corporate Administrative and  
Accessibility Clerk, Acting Secretary

**Absent**

Don Shaw  
Blake Weber

**WELCOME**

The members welcomed Ken Moser to the Committee. Mr. Moser works in London at a call centre and lives in St. Thomas with his wife and two children.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Councillor Rymal - J. Stacey:

THAT: The minutes of the meeting held on January 25, 2018 be confirmed.

Carried.

The Chair asked the liability issues regarding the proposed ramps in the downtown area.

Councillor Rymal stated that the City Manager had told her the company who was installing the ramps would be liable, not the City.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Downtown Area - Portable Ramps**

Ms. Kelly gave an overview of the different options that store owners have at the front of their buildings for accessibility. Some have portable ramps, some have concrete ramps built in, and some have steps. Funding is available for some owners.

The Committee thanked Ms. Kelly for all her research and wonderful presentation.

Councillor Rymal mentioned that there will be construction on Talbot Street from Pearl Street to Mary Street beginning in April and that perhaps owners would be able to take advantage of the concrete trucks at the same time.

The members discussed the fact that the first round of Talbot Street construction had removed some parking spots along Talbot Street and that there should be accessible spots on the streets connecting to Talbot Street.

Ms. Kelly would contact the owners and let them know about the upcoming construction and suggest to Animal Aide that they apply for individual funding.

Councillor Rymal mentioned that the City recently received \$61,286 from the provincial government's Main Street Revitalization Initiative, being administered by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

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The members suggested that the Secretary prepare a letter to Council requesting monies for the ramp project.

Motion by Councillor Rymal - J. Stacey:

THAT: \$200 be allocated to Ms. Kelly for printing from the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee budget.

Carried.

### 2018 Accessibility Plan

Councillor Rymal mentioned that she would update the Committee's letter in the Plan.

The Chair mentioned that the steps in the Timken Centre were a trip hazard and could be addressed in the 2018 audits.

Motion by K. Lizotte - L. Kelly:

THAT: The Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee approve the 2018 Accessibility Plan to be forwarded to Council for approval.

Carried.

### September Open House

Councillor Rymal stated that the Open House will be at the Seniors' Centre on September 27th from 1-3pm at no charge to the Committee. Refreshments will be provided by the Seniors' Centre. Yurek's Pharmacy will be providing a lift demonstration.

Ms. Kelly would ask the March of Dimes if they would like to have a table.

Councillor Rymal stated that Public Health would have a table as well as the AODA would provide pamphlets.

Mr. Stacey stated that he would ask a company in London to attend who provide hot tubs for people with disabilities.

The Chair stated that Thumbs Up could also provide information at the event.

Councillor Rymal suggested having a grab bag for attendees.

The layout of the event would be discussed at the next meeting and name tags could be provided to the Committee members.

### Parallel Transit Change

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Chamber of Commerce Maps

An ad was placed in the Chamber of Commerce maps in partnership with Thumbs Up.

The Chair stated that she had a doctor from London inquiring about information from Thumbs Up and that the information could be found on the Thumbs Up website.

### Valleyview Bus Stop

The Chair stated that she received a complaint that the bus shelter is so far away from the bus stop at Valleyview Home that the bus drivers sometimes miss people who are sitting in the shelter waiting.

The Secretary suggested calling the Customer Service division who would log the complaint.

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Councillor Rymal stated that she would contact Customer Service.

**NEXT MEETING**

May 24th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. at the Seniors' Centre

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by J. Stacey - Councillor Rymal:

THAT: The meeting adjourn at 9:34 a.m.

Carried.

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