

PETAWAWA ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

November 28, 2019 @ 1:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Sheila Clarke, Sharon Slaney, Kate Bennett, Sheri Waterfall, Theresa Sabourin, Lynn Davenport (Guest)

REGRETS: Mary Bentley, Alison Morris

1. Welcome and Introductions – S. Clarke welcomed the members of the committee and introduced a guest, Lynn Davenport; a Petawawa resident that is interested in the committee work and may submit an application to join in the New Year. S. Clarke opened the meeting at 1:35 p.m.
2. Adoption of Agenda – Moved by S. Slaney, seconded by S. Waterfall to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest – None.
4. Adoption of previous minutes of June 27, 2019 – received as information.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Accessible Door Marks Update

S. Clarke presented photographs of the accessible door marks installed on the Petawawa Public Library doors. A conversation was had in relation to the contrast and placement of the door marks; it was noted that the placement may need to be higher for persons with visual impairment. K. Bennett noted that this should be considered when installing the door marks at the Municipal building.
6. New Business:
 - a. Terms of Reference – Annual Review

The committee reviewed the PAAC terms of reference and approved as presented.
 - b. Committee Recruitment

S. Waterfall announce that her family has been posted out of the province and will unfortunately be resigning from the PAAC committee. S. Clarke

thanked S. Waterfall for her dedication to the committee and wished her all the best in her new home.

K. Bennett noted there is a PAAC recruitment poster that can be converted to PDF format in order to post on the Town's social media sites. A brief discussion was held regarding the possibility of recruiting from community sectors such as Social Services, Algonquin College, public schools, Community Living, etc. to be a part of the committee in means to spread awareness. S. Clarke asked that recruitment strategies and an article on recruitment for the Town Times be placed on the agenda for January.

c. Renfrew County Accessibility Advisory Committee Update

S. Clarke reported she attended the Renfrew County Accessibility Advisory committee meeting on October 24, 2019. S. Clarke presented highlights from the meeting which included a new webpage from the Government of Ontario with access to free resources for municipalities in regards to creating more employment opportunities for persons with disabilities. Additional highlights included; reformatting historical documents into accessible formats, Jumpstart accessibility grant, county's accessible compliance report and strategic plans.

S. Clarke noted the meeting was a great opportunity to connect with the County's committee and network with similar public sectors.

d. Carefor Transportation Program Stats

K. Bennett presented stats on the non-urgent transportation program offered by Carefor. The program which consists of agency vehicles and volunteer drivers currently support 115 residents in Petawawa. Transportation is available for day hospital visits, dialysis appointments, transportation from hospital to home, meal delivery, medical and non-medical transportation and shopping trips. It was requested to have a representative from Carefor come to the January PAAC meeting to discuss the program and create a media release to inform residents of the services provided.

7. Correspondence:

a. Accessibility Projects in the Education Sector – Ministry for Seniors & Accessibility

Received as information.

b. 2019 Accessibility Compliance Report

Received as information.

c. Remax Site Plan application – PAAC Recommendations

Received as information.

8. Member Input

T. Sabourin reminded the committee of this year's Christmas Angels Luncheon on December 25th at the Civic Centre. The Luncheon is a free festive turkey meal from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with delivery service available for those unable to make it. T. Sabourin also noted that Sault Ste. Marie Santa Claus parade ensured every child would enjoy the parade by introducing a Sensory Friendly Block. This means no air horns, sirens, or honking will be permitted in that area. The committee agreed to bring this item up for discussion next fall to the Community Services Department for consideration.

L. Davenport noted the Silver Threads Seniors Club hosts Friendship Dinners for seniors that live alone and would like to get out and have a meal with company. The Friendship Dinners are typically scheduled once a month and is free of charge.

S. Clarke thanked L. Davenport for attending today's meeting and hopes she will consider completing an application to join the committee. S. Clarke again thanked S. Waterfall for her support and dedication to the committee and wished her and her family a safe trip and best wishes.

9. Next meeting – January 23, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

10. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. to the call of the Chair.