

PETAWAWA ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

April 27, 2017 @ 1:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Sheila Clarke, Theresa Sabourin, Sharon Slaney, Alison Morris (1:55pm),
Bonnie Schryer, Dawn Recoskie, Christine Mitchell

1. Welcome and Introductions – Sheila Clarke welcomed the members of the committee and opened the meeting at 1:45 p.m.
2. Adoption of Agenda – Moved by Theresa Sabourin, seconded by Sharon Slaney to approve the agenda, Motion carried.
3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest – None.
4. Adoption of previous minutes of March 23, 2017 – Moved by Sharon Slaney, seconded by Theresa Sabourin to approve the minutes of March 23, 2017. Motion carried.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Membership Recruitment – C. Mitchell reported that no inquiries or applications have been received. B. Schryer indicated that her sister may be interested and requested a copy of the membership application.
 - b. Election Accessibility Plan 2018 – D. Recoskie provided an overview of the 2018 Election Accessibility Plan.
 - c. Accessibility Recognition Program for area businesses

T. Sabourin previously discussed this idea with the committee on March 17, 2016. The concept was based on an accessibility program that Arnprior offered their local business community.

The PAAC committee expressed interested in examining some form of incentive based program to support local businesses to become more accessible by means of installing a ramp or doorbell to the exterior entrances of buildings. T. Sabourin will continue to explore other municipal programs to determine a best practice standard.

d. Rick Hansen – Access4All Barrier Buster Grant

C. Mitchell reported that two projects were submitted for the March 31st deadline for the Rick Hansen Foundation Access4All Barrier Buster Grant. In discussions with the Parks and Recreation Department, there were many additional items that needed to be completed down at Petawawa Point to ensure that the canteen, washrooms and access from the parking lot were fully accessible. Staff decided to put forward an application for this project as well. There were no restrictions on the number of grant applications that could be submitted. Based on criteria however, the Petawawa Point Water Access project has the largest number of partners and can be tied to the Ottawa River Paddle Festival and thus has more community visibility. Funding announcement is anticipated for May 31.

6. New Business:

a. Petawawa Showcase April 28 – 30th

There was consensus to participate in the spring showcase event. S. Clarke will represent PAAC on Saturday from 9:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

7. Correspondence

a. Renfrew County United Way – AODA small business support

Bonnie Schryer indicated that she had been engaged by the United Way, under a six month contract, to support small businesses in their efforts to meet accessibility requirements. Ms. Schryer presented at Council on April 24th and proposed a County wide project involving partnership collaboration supporting ramps and/or doorbell access to those small business who require this support. Ms. Schryer also brought forward information on the Employment Accessibility Resource Network (EARN).

b. 2017 Community Accessibility Forums

T. Sabourin will attend the Ottawa session on May 17th.

8. Member Input

Alison Morris indicated seeing a new universal accessible icon. The icon alters the original “handicap” logo with a logo that promotes movement. The link will be circulated to the committee members for consideration in the Accessible Facility Design Standard being drafted for consideration in the Town of Petawawa.

T. Sabourin indicated that she had been asked to give a presentation on accessibility to a troop of Scouts on May 3rd. C. Mitchell will provide some of the accessible display materials to T. Sabourin for use in her presentation.

9. Next meeting – **May 25, 2017 at 1:30 pm**
10. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. to the call of the Chair.