

Meeting Minutes

City of Guelph

Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC)

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

City Hall, Meeting Room 112

From 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Chair: Brad Howcroft

Vice-Chair: Julia Phillips

Present: Brad Howcroft, Brooke Sillaby, Janice Faubert, Cathy McCormack, Jennifer Popkey Bergen, Julia Phillips, Julian Murphy, Laurie Lanthier, Mary Grad, Malcolm McLeod, Michael Greer, Ruth Russell, Sarah Mathison, Tanya Davies, Leanne Warren (Liaison)

Regrets: Missy Tolton

Please note:

- No Peanut Products permitted at this meeting.
- Please refrain from wearing scented products.
- Delegates to the committee and/or accessibility related accommodations available upon timely request to Leanne Warren 519-822-1260 ext. 2670; Text 226-821-2132; TTY 519-826-9771.

AGENDA ITEMS

Welcome to all

Item 1 and 2

Item 1. Approval of the Agenda

- Agenda approved by Julia, seconded by Brooke

Item 2. Approval of Minutes of October 20, 2015

- Approved by Malcolm, Seconded by Cathy

Item 3

Report to Province on Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Compliance – **For Information** - Leanne Warren

Leanne will file a report with the Province before the end of the year. Employees are more and more often including accessibility into their planning practices. A change is noticeable.

Item 4

Curb Ramp and Sidewalk Repair Budget Request for 2016 Budget – Budget Deliberation Outcome for this Item - **For Information** – Leanne Warren

The funding request for curb ramps to be installed where there are now curbs at intersections was approved by Council in the 2016 budget. The funding will be available for curb ramps to be installed over the next three years.

Funding for sidewalk repairs was also approved.

Item 5

Transit Mobility: Update on the PASS software, Town Hall meetings and other - **For Information** – John Alves, Supervisor of Mobility and Community Bus Services
Transit and City employees are working through details with regard to PASS and Trapeze software. John was not able to attend the meeting and so Leanne reported that several meetings have taken place and this very large project is moving along.

Item 6

International Day of Persons with Disabilities – Event Outcome – United Nations Initiative – **For Information** – Leanne Warren for Sam McFarlane

Ten vendors displayed their wares on December 3rd to recognize the UN's International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The turn-out was good for a first time event. Quite a few employees and people with a disability from the community attended. The vendors reported that they were pleased with the turn out.

Item 7

Future Request to Meet with the Mayor – **For Discussion** – Brad Howcroft

- Brad and Julia would like to meet with the Mayor in the New Year.
- Brad asked for AAC members to let him know if there were accessibility related topics that members would like raised with the Mayor.
- Discussion Points:
 - Ask the Mayor for his goals related to accessibility,
 - 2016 to 2025 Strategic direction.
 - AAC goals – people of all abilities can participate.
 - How can AAC help Council?
 - What would be considered “value added” for Council from the AAC?
 - Highlight each committee member throughout the year.
 - Walkable community with accessibility safety features important to AAC.
- AAC members were asked to consider this request and provide further input during the February meeting.

Item 8

Parking Engagement for On-Street Parking; Farquhar Street and General Discussion on Engagement Expectations - **For Discussion** – Leanne Warren

Deferred until the February meeting.

Item 9

Site Plan Sub-Committee: Report Including Approval of Site Plan Developer Guidelines, Motion from Sub-Committee and Engineering Drawing for Traffic Island – **For Recommendation** – Julia Phillips

Deferred until the February meeting.

Item 10

Winter Control Accessibility Services – **For Information** - Leanne Warren

The City of Guelph provides three services specific to winter weather and accessibility:

1. Transit

- The City recognizes that residents who are blind, as defined by the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB), may have difficulty navigating the city during the winter months.
- Therefore residents who are blind but don't qualify for the Mobility Service year-round may qualify for the seasonal service during the winter months.
- The Mobility Services is a specialized shared-ride transit service that provides transportation from accessible-door-to-accessible-door within the city limits of Guelph.
- To learn more, or to apply please call Transit 519-822-1811 extension 2801, TTY 519-837-5731, or visit Guelph.ca/Transit

2. Snow on Municipal Sidewalks

- The City is committed to providing its winter control services in an accessible manner.
- Beginning November 30th, please contact 519-837-5648 with details of winter weather related accessibility concerns.
- The details should include your name, phone number and location of the snow or ice causing the accessibility concern.

3. Snow Angels

- The Snow Angels program will be available from November 2014 to April 2015.
- The Snow Angel program is a volunteer based program that matches a person with a disability in need of an accessible path from their front door to the sidewalk/road cleared of snow/ice.
- This partnership between the City of Guelph and the Volunteer Centre of Guelph Wellington can be accessed by calling the Volunteer Centre to register: 519-822-1155 or visit Guelph.ca/snow

Item 11

Other - Committee Business: Service Appreciation to four outgoing members; Photos of AAC members interested in participating in photo for future Council presentations; Networking and End of year celebration of accomplishments.

Next Meeting:

February 16, 2016 from 3 – 5, City Hall meeting room 112

Agenda Items:

Site Plan Sub-Committee Report

Request to Meet with the Mayor

Accessible Recreation Programs