

**Accessibility Advisory Committee
Minutes
Deep River Town Hall**

Date: Wednesday April 19th, 2017 2:00 pm

Committee Members:

Present: Sam McCarthy
Anne Hutton
Christine Armstrong
Marg Killey
Ron Desrochers

Guests: Sean Patterson
Joyce Aiston
Bonnie Schryer

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Sam McCarthy at 2:03 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda:

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

4. Review and Approval of the Minutes of March 22nd, 2017: - deferred to next meeting

5. Business Arising/Reports/Town Accessibility Plan/Ongoing Projects:

ACTION 17-02-01 Sam revised his report to council with the input and approval of members of the committee. Anne will type it up in time for next meeting for further discussion.

Ongoing

ACTION 17-01-01 Updates on the status of the automatic doors and the lip at the rear entrance of the Town Hall provided by Sean Patterson are included in the Deep River Accessibility Plan. Improvements to the lip is scheduled to take place. The work on the electric doors is tabled until there is money in the annual budget. **Closed**

Sam McCarthy is continuing discussions with Gary Festerini about the construction of a ramp outside the Woodworking Club. The shop can build the ramp and would like money for materials. Sam will look into possible sources of money. **Ongoing**

ACTION 17-02-02 Christine Armstrong is continuing to work on updating the Town of Deep River website to conform to Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0 Level AA

Ongoing

ACTION 17-03-01 Work continues on the first draft of Town of Deep River Accessibility Plan Sean Patterson attended today's meeting and provided updated and current information regarding work planned and completed on properties owned and operated by the Town of Deep River. This information will be added to the Plan by Anne and will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting. **Ongoing**

ACTION 16-11-03 Training is to be completed on line at: <http://www.ontario.ca/page/how-train-your-staff-accessibility> by all committee members. All town staff, council members, committee members, volunteers and board members must be trained using this tool. Christine Armstrong, Marg Killey, Anne Hutton and Sam McCarthy have all completed this training. **Ongoing**

ACTION 17-03-04 A letter was created by Anne on behalf of the Accessibility Advisory Committee to be included in the application to the Rick Hansen Foundation Barrier Buster Grant. It was signed by Sam McCarthy and Anne Hutton. Christine Armstrong sent the application to the Rick Hansen Foundation prior to the March 31st deadline. If successful, the money will be used to construct a barrier free playground behind the Community Centre and will be named The Deep River Unity Playground. **Closed**

6. New Business:

Joyce Aiston, a member of the Deep River 150 Committee, presented a proposal for the acquisition of a beach mat that will allow for better accessibility to the beach. A brochure from Mobimat, a company located in New Jersey, was included in the presentation. Sean Patterson stated that installation and storage of the mat would not be a problem but requires information on warranties and the length of mat needed.

ACTION 17-04-19 Sam McCarthy will get the information on the warranties from the manufacturer and speak to other municipalities that already use the mat. Anne Hutton will measure the distance from the existing path at Lamure Beach to the waterfront.

New

Bonnie Schryer, AODA Partnership Coordinator for Renfrew County United Way, presented information on a project called EARN. (Employment Accessibility Resource Network) EARN provides education and resources to businesses and employers with respect to AODA requirements, tools, services and assistance. Through EARN, Bonnie would like the committee's help in setting up a Lunch and Learn session in our community to inform small businesses and employers of the resources available to assist them to become more accessible and inclusive. Bonnie will also be networking with local schools, clubs and businesses to get ramps built and portable doorbells installed at some locations in Deep River. Contact information was given to Bonnie to assist her and she will be talking to us soon about these projects.

7. Adjournment/Next meeting:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 10th at 2pm.

