

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

Date: Thursday, March 10th, 2016

Committee Members:

Present: Sam McCarthy
Anne Hutton
Marg Killey
Ron Desrochers

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Sam McCarthy at 2:00 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda:

The agenda was changed to include a) A report on the Housing Committee meeting held on March 8th
b) A report on the First Unity and Diversity Event held at Garrison Petawawa on March 9th.

That the meeting agenda be approved with amendments:

Moved: - Marg Killey

Second: - Ron Desrochers - *Carried*

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:

All committee members present were canvassed for this and none was reported.

4. Review and Approval of the Minutes of February 25th, 2016:

A motion was introduced that the minutes be approved as written:

Moved: Ron Desrochers

Second: Marg Killey – *Carried*

5. Business Arising:

Several ongoing questions were discussed and it was decided that answers should be obtained before we can proceed.

ACTION 16-03-01: Ron Desrochers will talk to Ric McGee to find out if there is money to move forward with some accessibility recommendations and ask whether we go to council or Public Works with our recommendations.

ACTION 16-03-02: Ron Desrochers will get a copy of the document that is our guide from the Ontario and/or Federal Government(s) that mandates accessibility in municipalities by 2025.

ACTION 16-03-03: Ron Desrochers will get documents that outline what is required specifically by Deep River to comply with accessibility legislation.

ACTION 16-03-04: Ron Desrochers will find out the current status of accessibility in properties owned by the town.

ACTION 16-03-05: Ron Desrochers will speak to Sean Patterson of Public Works about what, if any, accessibility improvements are currently being done as part of the renovation of the pool.

6. Reports/Town Accessibility Plan/Ongoing Projects:

ACTION 16-02-01: Closed Copies of the Municipal Assets Accessibility Study were delivered to Marg and Ron and they prioritized their recommendations.

Work continues on the Municipal Assets Accessibility Study document. The committee members continued to discuss this document with a focus on recommendations for future work to be done to make our municipal properties more accessible. Clarification of the next step in the process is needed before we can proceed.

ACTION 16-02-02: Closed Anne Hutton attended the **First Unity and Diversity Event** at Garrison Petawawa on March 9th and a report was given.

A display set up by the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the City of Petawawa was of most interest to our committee. Our committees will stay in touch and network with the Petawawa AAC in the future as we are faced with many similar challenges.

ACTION 16-02-03: Closed The Housing Advisory Committee meeting was attended by Sam McCarthy, Anne Hutton and Marg Killey. Sam McCarthy reported that posters were presented for the Housing Forum set to take place on May 16th at the Deep River Legion. Charles Packer was introduced as the MC for the event. The schedule of events, focus, and desired outcome of the Forum were also discussed.

7. New Business:

ACTION 16-03-06 Marg Killey will talk to North Renfrew Long Term Care about getting a list of contractors are able to do work with accessibility issues in mind.

8. Adjournment/Next meeting:

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 pm.

Moved: Sam McCarthy

Second: Anne Hutton - *Carried*

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, April 14th, 2016 at 2pm.

