



Chatham-Kent Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date and Time:	Tuesday, January 21, 2020 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Location:	Studio One, Cultural Centre
Present:	Mike Gerard, Mickey Puddicomb, Rick LaMarsh, Sara Ebare, Ralph Roels, Brett Bartlett, Eileen Travis Hamilton, Jerry Meriano, Brian Bird, Sheila Clements
Absent:	Clare Latimer, Bruce Thompson, Kiara McGivern
Staff Present:	Annette Bourdeau, Jane McGee, Jan Metcalfe, Shelley Charbonneau
Council Rep:	Clare Latimer
Guest:	Ashley Gialelem, Ian Clark, Whitney Burk

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

2. Review of Minutes from November 19, 2019

Motion of Approval: Sara

Seconded: Ralph

Carried.

3. Chatham-Kent Fire Services Presentation

The Public Education Officer, Fire Services presented information relating to Community Safety.

Information regarding fire and carbon monoxide alarms as well as building fire safety plans for people of all abilities was shared.

If anyone would like to request a CHiRP Check (Chatham-Kent Homes: Informed, Ready and Protected) they can call Fire Services at 519-360-1998 or email ckfire@chatham-kent.ca

4. C-K Transit Study Update/Request for Input

Chatham-Kent's Transit Project Manager provided an update on the status of the project. A public engagement process is in place to gain public feedback. A final report to Chatham-Kent Council will occur in late May/June.

The Committee provided feedback on the following items:

- On demand services, scheduled services and fixed route services.
- Specialized services and parity to conventional services.
- Challenges managing appropriate use of scheduled bookings for accessible services.
- Extended evening service and use of technology for access.
- Partnerships to provide accessible taxi service.
- Provision of education on use of the service application i.e. social media.
- Challenges for specialized services where there are behavioural concerns affecting other riders.

5. CK Health Alliance Update (CKHA)

Mickey provided her CKHA Accessibility Council January report to be circulated with the AAC minutes.

6. Library Accessibility Tour

Scheduled for January 27th @ 1:30 pm. RSVP to Mike or Annette. Can be rescheduled if this is not a good time.

7. Award Nominations

Business award nominees are:

- Casino- very open space. Large, accessible washrooms.
- Eden Villa- renovated in 2013.

Committee members will visit these sites.

Advocate award to be presented to:

- St. Clair College.

Perseverance award to be presented to:

- Rick Frances.

The awards presentation will take place in March.

8. Updates, Media and Next Meeting Items

Seniors Fair– February 14th @ Active Lifestyle Centre, Chatham.

Assistive Hearing Device– have secured funds to purchase. IT will ensure system identified by AAC will work in Council chambers.

Meeting adjourned: 3:30 pm

Next Official Meeting Date: **Tuesday, February 18, 2020**

Location: Chatham Cultural Centre

Time: 1:30 p.m.