



Chatham-Kent Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date and Time:	Tuesday, October 15, 2019 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Location:	Studio One, Cultural Centre
Present:	Ralph Roels, Sara Ebare, Bruce Thompson, Mike Gerard, Kiara McGivern, Brett Bartlett, Mickey Puddicomb, Brian Bird
Absent:	Rick LaMarsh, Shelley Charbonneau, Eileen Travis, Lindsey Vinckier, Sheila Clements, Jerry Meriano, Alain Sasseville
Staff Present:	Annette Bourdeau, Jane McGee, Jan Metcalfe
Council Rep:	Clare Latimer

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm.

Round table introductions followed.

2. Review of Minutes from September 17, 2019

Motion of Approval: Clare

Seconded: Bruce

Carried.

3. Chatham-Kent Review Process

A question was asked regarding whether Chatham-Kent has a process to review accessibility for projects at municipal locations. It was noted that regulations don't require reassessment if there are no renovations to the existing building but it would be acceptable for anyone with a concern re: accessibility to approach the Manager of the location to discuss.

A concern was expressed that Library Lane in Chatham has no sidewalk/curb and has caused issues for people utilizing the accessible parking area. The standard is to have accessible parking spaces closest access to the location.

Some renovations were done a few years ago at the Chatham Library and the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) made some recommendations at that time. A few members of the committee will do a site visit to assess.

Clare will bring the concern regarding the parking area at the Chatham Library to the Library Board.

4. Updates, Media and Next Meeting Items

Assistive Hearing Device – Mike is looking at available systems. Getting prices for the FM system from Canadian Hearing Society and Children’s Treatment Centre.

Fire Services –Planning a visit to an AAC meeting in January to do a presentation highlighting fire safety and accessibility.

Transit Study- The AAC to be able to make comments on the study. The Transit Project Manager will be contacted for an update at the November meeting.

Accessible Transit- Traditional buses are now suitable for many clients that used to require accessible transit. It’s suggested that Intra-urban, traditional and accessible transit be integrated. There is a need for after hour’s accessible transit. Advantage transit provided through Family Services Kent will provide after hours transit but riders need to call to arrange.

Accessibility Awards- The committee is asked to forward any nominations for the awards in the next few weeks.

Ontario Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility Webinars- Information from the September webinar was shared re: #Respect the space, rolling boardwalk and floating sidewalks. Notes from the webinar will be shared with the Committee via email.

Meeting adjourned: 2:15 pm

Next Official Meeting Date: **Tuesday, November 19, 2019**

Location: Studio One, Cultural Centre

Time: 1:30 p.m.