



Chatham-Kent Accessibility Advisory Committee (C-K AAC)

Date and Time:	Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Location:	Studio One, Cultural Centre
Present:	Ralph Roels, Brett Bartlett, Eileen Travis Hamilton, Rick LaMarsh, Jerry Meriano, Mickey Puddicomb, Sara Ebare, Brian Bird
Absent:	Kiara McGivern, Mike Gerard, Lindsey Vinckier, Sheila Clements, Bruce Thompson, Alain Sasseville
Staff Present:	Annette Bourdeau, Jane McGee, Jan Metcalfe, Shelly Charbonneau
Council Rep:	Clare Latimer

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm. Round table introductions followed.

2. Review of Minutes from March 19, 2019

Motion of Approval: Sara
Seconded: Rick
Carried.

3. Information Sharing: StopGap.ca

Information was shared regarding Stop Gap, a registered charity that assists in making stores and businesses accessible with the use of wood portable ramps that are used on an as needed basis.

Business owners are legally responsible for the ramps once they are implemented.

Through donations and the use of volunteers, this organization offers businesses custom built wood ramps meeting specifications for use at their location.

It was suggested that high schools could be involved to build the ramps.

Rick and Clare will share the information with Municipal and United Way contacts.

4. C-K Health Alliance (CKHA) Tour Update

The AAC meeting will take place on May 21st from 1-4 pm at the CKHA to include a meeting and a tour. Welcome at 1 pm and tour at 1:30 pm. The AAC will provide feedback and accolades regarding accessibility at the CKHA.

Everyone attending the tour is asked to park in the lots and not on the streets.

C-K AAC members are asked to let Mickey know of any issues/concerns/improvements that have been experienced at the Health Alliance recently that could be addressed at the tour.

The following items were noted:

- Improvements that have been done in Emergency area
- A numbering system that includes a verbal number that can be given to patients with visual impairments
- Transit shelter on Emma- the former Emma St. belongs to the CKHA. Many maintenance issues with the roof, bench in the shelter have been reported
- Accessible parking issues- numerous complaints are received regarding people abusing the accessible parking. A planned increase in parking lot fees at the Health Alliance could increase the number or complaints regarding this issue

5. Updates, Media and Next Meeting Items

Donation from International Plowing Match -:.Donation of \$1,000 to the C-K AAC to be used for hearing assistive device.

C-K AAC Annual Report to Council -.The report has been rescheduled for the April 29th Council meeting.

Senior Expo at Blenheim Arena –.The event will take place on June 7th from 9am-1pm at the Blenheim Memorial Arena. Rick and Clare will assist at the booth.

Accessible Taxi- Anyone with information on any accessible taxi services is asked to share information with AAC.

June 18 C-K AAC Lunch Meeting – Quo Vadis on St. Clair St. in Chatham.

6. Non-Agenda Items

C-K AAC Co-Chair

Motion that Sara Ebare be the Co-Chair of this committee: Ralph

Seconded: Brett

Carried.

Age Friendly Committee

The Age Friendly Committee has received requests for child change tables in men's washrooms. It was noted that not all existing women's washrooms with multiple stalls have change tables. Child change tables can be included in single stall washrooms where room allows; room could be utilized by any gender.

Motion that C-K AAC supports child change tables in washrooms: Sara

Seconded: Ralph

Carried.

Meeting adjourned: 2:45 PM

Next Official Meeting Date: **Tuesday, May 21, 2019**
Location: Chatham-Kent Health Alliance, Thames Room "A"
Time: 1:30 p.m.