



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

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 15, 2019, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Location: Studio One, Cultural Centre

Present: Ralph Roels, Brett Bartlett, Sheila Clements, Eileen Travis Hamilton, Bruce Thompson, Maurice Velle, Rick LaMarsh, Jerry Meriano, Mike Gerard, Brian Bird, Mickey Puddicomb, Sara Ebare

Absent: Kiara McGivern, Lindsey Vinckier

Staff Present: Annette Bourdeau, Jane McGee, Jan Metcalfe, Alain Sasseville, Shelly Charbonneau

Council Rep: Clare Latimer

Guest: Ann McKenzie, Zoja Holman

1. Welcome

Ralph welcomed the Committee members. Round table introductions followed.

2. Approval of Minutes from November 20, 2018

Motion of Approval: Clare

Seconded: Sara

Carried.

3. C-K AAC Committee Members and Chair

Ralph welcomed new members and reviewed history of C-K AAC.

The C-K AAC has a reputation for providing good input to Municipal departments and are very engaging.

Ralph requested nominations for the C-K AAC Chair.

Motion that Mike Gerard be Chair: Bruce

Second: Sheila

Carried.

Term and duties of the C-K AAC were reviewed.

4. Accessibility Awards Recipients

The Committee voted the following as the C-K AAC award recipients:

- Most Accessible Business award – Sons of Kent; pending another site visit
- Advocate Award - Mac's Variety Store, 170 McNaughton Ave. W., Chatham
- Perseverance Award – Juanita Luxton

It was noted that a matrix would be helpful to determine criteria for awards. New establishments will meet accessibility requirements as it's required for new construction. Existing businesses that retrofit to meet accessibility needs should be recognized for their efforts.

Award presentations will take place on February 19th. Location to be determined.

5. Chatham Kent Health Alliance Accessibility Update

Zoja Holman, Chair of CKHA Accessibility Council gave an update of the new Council. Council includes patient advisors. Mickey is Co-Chair on the Council. They have developed a 5 year plan. Looking at tools and technology to be useful to staff and public. Staff new to organization are given accessibility training.

An annual tour of the CKHA campus was done in September to review improvements made and identify anything outstanding. The C-K AAC was invited to visit the CKHA in 2019. Zoya will provide potential dates.

6. Updates, Media and Next Meeting Items

Playground Units Update - Wallaceburg- As a result of feedback received at the consultation with the C-K AAC the following will be added to the playground units:

- McDougall Park – a tic-tac-toe board and xylophone will be made available at ground level.
- Glassford Park - inclusion items – rings and bars will be added.

An inclusion seminar will be hosted in Chatham-Kent for Facility Supervisors of playground areas and members of the C-K AAC. Members are invited to attend February 13th. The seminar will be approximately 1-2 hours in duration.

Senior's Fair- C-K AAC will have a booth on February 15 at the Active Lifestyle Centre.

Salting of Sidewalks- The province has new requirements regarding salting sidewalks. Chatham-Kent will host a public information session in 2019 regarding service level options. C-K AAC should have input into a by-law.

Crossing at St. Clair & McNaughton- Education on the timing of these crossings needs to continue. Provincial standards are in place. C-K Police Service has a department that does public awareness and education on these types of things for schools and at the Safety Village. It was suggested that information be made available at the Senior Fairs. C-K AAC members were asked to look for videos etc. that could be shared on Facebook.

Pedestrian Crossing at Keil – Lights need to be updated near Richmond Motors as they aren't very bright. Motorists don't notice them.

Meeting adjourned: 2:50 PM

Next Official Meeting Date: **Tuesday, February 19, 2019**
Location: TBA

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Please R.S.V.P to Mike no later than Monday, February 18, 2019