



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

Date and Time:	Tuesday, March 19, 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, Mike Gerard, Mickey Puddicomb, Sara Ebare, Kiara McGivern
Absent:	Lindsey Vinckier, Sheila Clements, Bruce Thompson, Brian Bird, Alain Sasseville
Staff Present:	Annette Bourdeau, Jane McGee, Jan Metcalfe, Shelly Charbonneau
Council Rep:	Clare Latimer
Guest:	Tiffany Lilliman

1. Call to Order

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

2. Review of Minutes from January 15, 2019

Motion of Approval: Rick
Seconded: Mickey
Carried.

3. Update on Assistive Hearing Device

Dalios Clinic will provide an update at the April meeting. Mike has asked a couple of other companies to provide pricing.

If required, Jane will do the simple quoting process for anything costing more than \$2,500 as required by Chatham-Kent's Purchasing by-law.

4. Review of the Chatham-Kent Accessible Logo

Chatham-Kent asked the AAC for input on a proposed font that uses a free Google font. The font is easier to read. It was noted that the green and blue C-K branding colours on the logo are difficult to see for someone who is visually impaired but the logo is available in black also.

5. Chatham Kent Health Alliance (CKHA) Accessibility Update

Mickey provided an update on the activities of the CKHA Accessibility Council.

The CKHA is joining the Ontario Telemedicine Network's Telestroke program. This provides capability to assure all possible stroke patients arriving in Emergency Department will have an assessment within a six hour window of symptom onset.

Mickey is looking for contact information for various organizations and service providers relating to accessibility. She will share her list with Clare who will assist Mickey in finding contacts.

The CKHA Accessibility Council is organizing a tour for May 21, 2019 and invited the C-K AAC to attend. Members are asked to contact Mickey or Annette as soon as possible to confirm attendance for the tour.

It was suggested a work plan be shared with the C-KAAC before the tour so participants know what type of items they should be looking for.

6. Updates, Media and Next Meeting Items

Accessibility Awards -: The Sons of Kent hosted the awards and good media coverage was provided.

Senior's Fair at Active Lifestyle Centre -.The event was well attended. The scooter brochure and a handout regarding pedestrian timings for Chatham-Kent traffic signals were well received.

Crosswalk at Richmond Motors on Keil Dr. – Lights aren't bright enough and cars drive through when lights are flashing. Appropriate signage is posted.

Age Friendly Committee – Inquired about access to adult change tables. Most men's or women's washrooms don't have the space in an accessible stall for an adult change table. It's recommended that adult change tables be included in family washrooms. The AODA has a list of donors where funding requests can be sent.

Affordable Housing - Non-Profit Property Management – Government funding is dwindling. It was suggested that funds to improve accessibility may be available through the Community Partnership Fund. The [Facility Accessibility Design Standards](#) found on the [C-K AAC](#) web site provides information regarding standards for accessibility improvements.

Accessibility Issues at Grocery Stores – Pop up displays are difficult to move around for scooters and wheelchairs. More education is needed.

Accessible Parking Spots – It's difficult for anyone who uses a ramp to exit their vehicle due to limited space. Standards exist and accessible parking spots meet those requirements. Concerns should be directed Chatham-Kent Engineering & Transportation Department.

Annual Accessibility Report to Council - Scheduled for April 15, 2019.

Snow Removal from Sidewalks – Council will review requirements in the Fall of 2019.

Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Fundraiser – The "Ride Don't Hide" event will take place on June 23, 2019.

Accessible Taxi – Eileen will try to get more information on an accessible taxi service that was at the CMHA office.

Inclusion Workshop – Rick and Recreation Facility Supervisors attended. Valuable information was shared.

Meeting adjourned: 2:55 PM

Next Official Meeting Date: **Tuesday, April 16, 2019**

Location: Studio One, Cultural Centre

Time: 1:30 p.m.