



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

Date and Time:	Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Location:	Chatham-Kent Health Alliance, Chatham
Present:	Eileen Travis Hamilton, Mickey Puddicomb, Sara Ebare, Mike Gerard, Sheila Clements, Bruce Thompson, Brian Bird
Absent:	Lindsey Vinckier, Alain Sasseville, Ralph Roels, Brett Bartlett, Rick LaMarsh, Jerry Meriano, Kiara McGivern
Staff Present:	Annette Bourdeau, Jane McGee, Jan Metcalfe, Shelly Charbonneau
Council Rep:	Clare Latimer

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:50 pm.

Round table introductions followed.

2. Review of Minutes from April 16, 2019

Motion of Approval: Clare

Seconded: Sara

Carried.

3. Chatham-Kent Health Alliance (CKHA) Tour

The CKHA Accessibility Council hosted the tour and invited the C-K AAC back for another tour in the future.

Many accessibility improvements have been completed including some accessible washrooms, change rooms, counter access, braille signage, installation of new technology for patient use, way finding and buttons to slow the front entrance revolving doors. It was noted that there is ample space to move with walkers etc.

The following items were identified as areas needing attention:

- Height and location of some of the elevator buttons.
- The after hours phone in the registration area may not be accessible to someone with hearing impairments; a call button could be utilized.
- Lack of signage to let people know that the revolving doors can be stopped and opened if needed.

- Volunteer information desk could be modified to accommodate wheelchairs. It was noted that volunteers would approach someone in a wheelchair so they wouldn't need to access the desk.

Mickey requested that C-K AAC members let her know if they are aware of any accessibility issues at the CKHA and she will discuss the items at one of the CKHA Accessibility Council meetings.

4. C-K AAC Deputation at Council

Rick and Mike did some consultation with Infrastructure and Engineering Services staff regarding proposed renovations at Civic Centre. They did a presentation re: accessibility issues at the May 13, 2019 Chatham-Kent Council meeting.

5. Updates, Media and Next Meeting Items

C-K AAC Annual Report to Council -.The information report was submitted for the May 13, 2019 Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 3:25 PM

Next Official Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2019
Location: Quo Vadis Restaurant, 316 St. Clair St., Chatham
Time: 12 PM