



Chatham-Kent Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date and Time:	Tuesday, April 21, 2020 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Location:	Skype Electronic Meeting
Present:	Rick LaMarsh, Sara Ebare, Ralph Roels, Eileen Travis Hamilton, Sheila Clements, Ashley Gialelem, Mike Gerard, Mickey Puddicomb
Absent:	Kiara McGivern, Jerry Meriano, Brian Bird, Brett Bartlett, Bruce Thompson
Staff Present:	Annette Bourdeau, Jane McGee, Shelley Charbonneau, Jan Metcalfe
Council Rep:	Clare Latimer

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm.

2. Review of Minutes from February 18, 2020

Motion of Approval: Rick
Seconded: Sara
Carried.

3. Identifying and Assisting People with Disabilities during COVID-19 Pandemic

There's a need for coordination of available services for those in need of food, shelter, medications and other essentials. The Chatham-Kent website lists many resources available but a full database should be shared on social media to create awareness of the services available. A list of agencies that are closed should also be made available.

Human Services will be contacted for available information.

Many service providers such as Canadian Mental Health; Canadian Hearing Services and Family Services Kent are still delivering services during the pandemic.

Chatham-Kent's Economic Development Department will be contacted for an updated list of service providers.

There is some transit service available for essential travel. An on-demand service could not be made available during the pandemic because buses, service provider, dispatch and drivers were not equipped.

4. Award Ceremony – Reschedule Date

Arrangements will be made to present the awards during an online Chatham-Kent Council meeting.

Options for dates will be sent to the Chair.

5. AAC Annual Report to Council

The annual Chatham-Kent Accessibility Advisory Committee report to Council is drafted and currently being reviewed. The Committee will be updated once a date is determined.

6. Updates, Media and Next Meeting Items

Prosperity Round Table – A discussion was held with some members of the AAC re: poverty and disability. These notes will be shared at the next meeting.

Chatham Hope Haven – This organization will be adding a washroom to their facility and is looking for suggestions from AAC on how to make it accessible. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 2:30 pm

Next Official Meeting Date: **Tuesday, May 19, 2020**

Location: TBD

Time: 1:30 p.m.