



Chatham-Kent Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date and Time:	Tuesday, November 21, 2017, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Location:	Studio One, Cultural Centre
Present:	Brian Bird, Clare Latimer, Jerry Meriano, Frank Van Oirschot, Mickey Puddicomb, Sara Ebare, Sheila Clements, Eileen Travis Hamilton, Rick LaMarsh
Absent:	Ann McKenzie, Juanita Luxton, Ron Male, Ralph Roels, Maurice Velle, Brett Bartlett
Staff Present:	Annette Bourdeau, Jan Metcalfe, Jane McGee, Shelley Charbonneau, Alain Sasseville,
Council Rep:	Michael Bondy (absent)
Guests:	Rebecca Blaevoet, Emmanuel Blaevoet

1. Welcome

Frank welcomed the Committee members. Round table introductions followed.

2. Approval of Minutes from October 17, 2017

Motion of Approval: Sara
Seconded: Brian
Carried.

3. Tactile Visions Graphics

Rebecca and Emmanuel Blaevoet from Tactile Visions Graphics shared samples of materials printed in braille offered by their business. Samples included calendars, different formats of maps and charts. Their contact information was shared with the Committee.

4. Chatham-Kent Accessibility Advisory Committee Report- Health Alliance

The Health Alliance Accessibility Advisory Committee will now be a Council. Sub-committees will be developed.

Mickey presented the C-K AAC with answers to the list of questions to the Health Alliance from the October 17, 2017 meeting. The Committee reviewed the information and noted that the sidewalk in the area of Mary St. and Louise St. is still an issue. There is an area of sidewalk painted orange due to its poor condition but someone with visual impairment

would not be aware. Mickey will discuss this item with the Health Alliance Accessibility Council at their December 12, 2017 meeting.

5. Accessibility Award Nominees

The AAC is looking for nominees for the upcoming awards. The following six locations were suggested as nominees:

- Tim Hortons in Thamesville
- Adult Learning Ctre located on King St. in Chatham
- Burke Dental Ctre on Grand Ave.
- Oaks Inn in Wallaceburg
- Senior Ctre in Blenheim
- Downtown Chatham Ctre if the elevator is installed

Improved marketing to the community about the available awards is needed. It was suggested that information regarding the awards be shared on the AAC Facebook page with a link to the nomination form that includes a description of the awards.

6. Sidewalk Construction, Updates and Accessibility

The sidewalk project in downtown Chatham is complete and work is now being completed on the sidewalks around the bus shelters. Shelters at the following locations are being replaced or updated:

- Orchard Heights shelter is being replaced
- 100 McFarlane is being replaced
- Side walk to Park Ave. shelter is being extended to Park St.
- Pine St. apartments shelter is receiving upgrades

The Brain Injury Association of Chatham-Kent is pleased with the improvements made to the Park Ave. shelter.

It was noted that the crosswalk @ Churchill St. & Grand Ave. does not have enough room for a wheelchair due to the location of a post. Jan will look into this.

7. Updates

Facebook: Sara, Jane & Rick update and monitor the AAC Facebook page. They will put a link to the nomination information on the page.

Chatham-Kent Web Pages: The upgrade is done and IT staff are working through some issues with links.

Meeting adjourned: 2:45 PM

Next Official Meeting Date: **Tuesday, January 16, 2018**

Location: Studio One, Chatham Cultural Centre

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Please R.S.V.P to Ralph no later than Monday, January 15, 2018