



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

- Date and Time:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Location:** Studio One, Cultural Centre
- Present:** Ralph Roels, Brett Bartlett, Sara Ebare, Eileen Travis Hamilton, Maurice Velle, Rick LaMarsh, Jerry Meriano, Ann McKenzie, Clare Latimer, Mickey Puddicomb
- Absent:** Juanita Luxton, Ron Male, Shelly Charbonneau, Sheila Clements, Frank VanOirschot, Brian Bird
- Staff Present:** Annette Bourdeau, Jane McGee, Jan Metcalfe, Alain Sasseville
- Council Rep:** Michael Bondy (absent)
- Guests:** Judy Smith, Michelle Heslop
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1. Welcome

Ralph welcomed the Committee members. Round table introductions followed.

2. Approval of Minutes from March 20, 2018

Motion of Approval: Sara
Seconded: Rick
Carried.

3. Chatham-Kent Elections Accessibility

Michelle Heslop, Elections Co-ordinator and Judy Smith, Clerk from Chatham-Kent's Municipal Governance Department updated the Committee on the accessibility plan for the upcoming Municipal election.

No accessibility issues were reported from the 2014 Chatham-Kent election. Updates were provided on the following items:

- An accessibility check list is used at each polling station and election staff complete customer accessibility elearning training.
- All election communications and info can be found in accessible format on the [accessible elections website](#).
- Looking at extending hours of public transit to cover the voting period on Election Day.
- Ballot Marker Device (BMD) is available and features ATI (tool for electors with partial or no vision or limited dexterity), sip and puff and paddle button interface.

- Accessible voting methods include:
 - paper ballot with braille, large text or magnifying sheet
 - assistive device
 - internet voting
 - proxy voting
 - [accessible elections website](#)
- Accessible tabulators will be available at the advanced polls at Civic Centre, Chatham from October 12-13, 2018 and at the WISH Centre, Chatham on Election Day, October 22, 2018.
- Internet voting will be available at 10 am on Oct 1, 2018 through to 10 pm on October 14. Library computers are available for use. Internet voting help line is available at 519-360-1998 or email ckelection@chatham-kent.ca.

It was noted that election workers addressing electors with service dogs should approach the person on the opposite side the service dog is located to enable the dog access to see the area surrounding them.

4. Mobi Mats and Boardwalk at Erieau Beach

Mobi mats at Erieau beach are stored indoors for the winter months but must be in place by May 1st to adhere to Ministry of the Environment regulations. Signage will also be posted noting the location of the mobi mats.

The boardwalk will be cleared of sand by May 1st also. Ralph requested signage noting the location of the boardwalk.

5. Sidewalk Repair or Replacement Priorities

Ralph asked the Committee to note any sidewalks that are heaving or have other issues. The following locations were mentioned:

- Grand Ave from St. Clair St to Lacroix St. and Sandy St.
- Cobble stone sidewalk at Chatham Police Station is very rough.
- In front of Chatham-Kent Health Alliance (CKHA) where the cobble stone sidewalk meets the cement sidewalk has a large gap.
- Not enough space for a wheelchair to enter the crosswalk at Churchill and Grand Ave.
- Keil Dr. in front of the Volkswagen dealership has a spot heaving due to a tree.

It was noted that the sidewalk radius at some intersections leaves a dip where the foot rest of the wheelchair gets stuck. The newer intersections have improved radius addressing this problem.

Ralph will confirm if a by-law regarding sidewalks still exists.

6. Updates

AODA Posters -.Posters have been laminated and sent to Municipal Centres for display. Have been unable to get smaller version of the poster for display at other facilities. Ralph/Annette will contact the Directorate of Ontario again to see if we can get electronic copy to print 8.5 x 11 copies of the poster.

Colwell Park Accessible Washroom – An individual washroom measuring approximately 10'x10' will be constructed at the Wallaceburg splash pad location this summer. Jane confirmed with the C-K AAC that the requirements noted in Chatham-Kent's Facility Accessibility Design Standard document is accurate for installation of a swing door. An adult change table will be available in the washroom.

Wallaceburg Arena Renovations – A firm has been hired to design the renovation project. Once drawings are ready, the C-K AAC will be consulted.

Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) "Ride, Don't Hide" Event -.A 5 km walk or 10 km bike trail ride will take place at Rondeau Park on June 24th. Proceeds from the event will fund the CMHA's education department.

Accessible Taxi By-law – The draft by-law was sent to Ralph and highlights reviewed by the Committee. A public meeting is scheduled for 6 pm on April 18th in Council Chambers at Civic Centre in Chatham. It's anticipated the by-law will be presented to Chatham-Kent Council in May, 2018.

Other Committees -.Rick is now on the CKHA's Patient Advisory Committee.

International Plowing Match (IPM) – Jan has received some information from the Community of Walton, Ontario regarding accessibility for the IPM. There is a need for more volunteers on the Accessibility Committee for the IPM. Numerous C-K AAC members offered to volunteer. Jan will contact them as needed.

Meeting adjourned: 2:40 PM

Next Official Meeting Date: **Tuesday, May 15, 2018**

Location: Studio One, Cultural Centre

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Please R.S.V.P to Ralph no later than Monday, May 14, 2018