



Chatham-Kent Accessibility Advisory Committee

- Date and Time:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Location:** Studio One, Cultural Centre
- Present:** Ralph Roels, Brett Bartlett, Sara Ebare, Eileen Travis Hamilton, Brian Bird, Maurice Velle, Rick LaMarsh, Jerry Meriano, Ann McKenzie, Clare Latimer
- Absent:** Juanita Luxton, Ron Male, Shelly Charbonneau, Sheila Clements, Frank VanOirschot, Mickey Puddicomb
- Staff Present:** Annette Bourdeau, Jane McGee, Jan Metcalfe, Alain Sasseville
- Council Rep:** Michael Bondy (absent)
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1. Welcome

Ralph welcomed the Committee members. Round table introductions followed.

2. Approval of Minutes from January 16, 2018

Motion of Approval: Sara
Seconded: Clare
Carried.

3. Accessibility Posters, Accessibility Directorate of Ontario

Ralph shared a letter he received from the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario regarding a poster campaign intended to create accessibility awareness. Four large posters are available to be posted at Municipal buildings. Annette will contact Libraries and Municipal Centre departments to get permission to have the posters circulated amongst their locations.

Ralph will contact the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario to see if the posters are available in 8.5" x 11". These would be posted in areas such as arenas.

4. International Plowing Match (IPM) Accessibility

Jan and Ralph are participating on the Accessibility Committee for the International Plowing Match. The web site for the Chatham-Kent International Plowing Match is www.plowingmatch.org/ipm2018 and contact information including exhibitor information can be found under the "Committees" area on the site.

The Chatham-Kent Accessibility Advisory Committee is encouraged to share concerns, ideas or suggestions with the IPM Accessibility Committee.

Clare and Brett will assist on the IPM Accessibility Committee also.

5. Accessibility Awards

The AAC awards presentation held in February was a success. The Oaks Retirement Village was a great host for the event. Media coverage was provided in The Voice and Chatham This Week.

6. Updates

Facebook - Ralph asked that links to the AAC awards media articles put on Facebook.

Accessible Taxi - The AAC sent a letter to Chatham-Kent Council regarding the loss of accessible taxi service in Chatham and Wallaceburg. CHAPS is applying for a grant to be able to provide the service but it will take some time before something will be in place.

The town of Innisfil recently implemented the use of Uber. Accessible service is available from Uber and local taxi companies for accessible rides in Innisfil.

Insurance costs are inhibitive for individuals who many have an accessible personal vehicle own that could provide an accessible ride.

Bordeaux Place Subdivision – The AAC sent a letter to Chatham-Kent Council regarding the location of sidewalks in the subdivision located near Keil Dr. Ext. and Tweedsmuir Ave. in Chatham. The Committee recommends a boulevard between the sidewalk and the street to address concerns regarding snow removal from the street onto the sidewalk, splashing, location of garbage cans and hydro poles. A response from Chatham-Kent's Director of Engineering and Transportation indicates that a boulevard between the sidewalk and street will be in place along the arterial section of Keil Dr. but not in the subdivision area.

Downtown Mall Family Washroom - The sink in the family washroom could be relocated to improve accessibility. It was noted there would be room for an adult change table in this washroom.

Senior Fairs- The Committee had a booth at the Chatham Senior Fair in February, 2018 and will attend the Blenheim Senior Expo in June, 2018.

Update Re: AAC Consultation - Jane updated the Committee on the requirements for Municipal departments to consult with the Accessibility Advisory Committee under the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation for public spaces that are not covered by Ontario's Building Code.

- Conventional Transit- 78 (1) Any municipality that provides conventional transportation services shall consult with its municipal accessibility advisory committee, where one has been established in accordance with subsection 29 (1) or (2) of the Act, the public and persons with disabilities in the development of accessible design criteria to be considered in the construction, renovation or replacement of bus stops and shelters. O. Reg. 191/11, s.78 (1).
- Accessible Taxicabs- 79 (1) Any municipality that provides conventional transportation services shall consult with its municipal accessibility advisory committee, where one has been established in accordance with subsection 29 (1) or

(2) of the Act, the public and persons with disabilities in the development of accessible design criteria to be considered in the construction, renovation or replacement of bus stops and shelters. O. Reg. 191/11, s.79 (1).

- Recreational Trails- 80.8 (1) Obligated organizations shall consult on the following before they construct new or redevelop existing recreational trails:
 - The slope of the trail.
 - 5. The need for, and location of, ramps on the trail.
 - 3. The need for, location and design of, i. rest areas,
 - ii. passing areas,
 - iii. viewing areas,
 - iv. amenities on the trail, and
 - v. any other pertinent feature

- (2) Obligated organizations shall consult on the matters referred to in subsection (1) in the following manner:
 - Obligated organizations must consult with the public and persons with disabilities.
 - Municipalities must also consult with their municipal accessibility advisory committees, where one has been established in accordance with subsection 29 (1) or (2) of the Act. O. Reg. 413/12, s.6.

- Outdoor Play Spaces – 80.19 When constructing new or redeveloping existing outdoor play spaces, obligated organizations, other than small organizations, shall consult on the needs of children and caregivers with various disabilities and shall do so in the following manner:
 - 1. The Government of Ontario, the Legislative Assembly, designated public sector organizations and large organizations must consult with the public and persons with disabilities.
 - 2. Municipalities must also consult with their municipal accessibility advisory committees, where one has been established in accordance with subsection 29 (1) or (2) of the Act. O. Reg. 413/12, s.6.

- Exterior Paths of Travel, Rest Areas – 80.29 When constructing new or redeveloping existing exterior paths of travel that they intend to maintain, obligated organizations, other than small organizations, shall consult on the design and placement of rest areas along the exterior path of travel and shall do so in the following manner:
 - 1. The Government of Ontario, the Legislative Assembly, designated public sector organizations and large organizations must consult with the public and persons with disabilities.
 - 2. Municipalities must also consult with their municipal accessibility advisory committees, where one has been established in accordance with subsection 29 (1) or (2) of the Act. O. Reg. 413/12, s.6.

- On-street Parking Spaces – 80.39 (1) When constructing or redeveloping existing on-street parking spaces, designated public sector organizations shall consult on the need, location and design of accessible on-street parking spaces and shall do so in the following manner:
 - 1. Designated public sector organizations must consult with the public and persons with disabilities.

- 2. Municipalities must also consult with their municipal accessibility advisory committees, where one has been established in accordance with subsection 29 (1) or (2) of the Act.

Meeting adjourned: 2:45 PM

Next Official Meeting Date: **Tuesday, April 17, 2018**

Location: Studio One, Cultural Centre

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Please R.S.V.P to Ralph no later than Monday, April 16, 2018