



Minutes of Arnprior Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

March 11, 2015

Arnprior and District Museum, Arnprior, ON

Present:

Chair, David Reid
Citizen Member, Jane Dowd
Citizen Member, Tammy Bartel
Citizen Member, David Furgoch
Citizen Member, France Guillemette

Also Present:

Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk
Kaila Zamojski, Secretariat Services Coordinator

Absent:

Citizen Member, Justin Halpenny

1. Call to Order

Chair David Reid called the Arnprior Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting to order at 6:55 PM and welcomed those present.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. AAAC001-15

Moved by David Furgoch

Seconded by Jane Dowd

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Arnprior Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting dated Wednesday, March 11, 2015, be adopted.

Resolution CARRIED

3. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None

At request of the Chair, the Town Clerk provided an overview of what constituted a 'pecuniary interest' and the process that follows declaring one.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

None

5. Presentations/ Delegations

None

6. Matters Tabled/Deferred/Unfinished Business

None

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The Chair initiated introductions of all Members, including staff representatives, as this was the first Arnprior Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of this term of Council.

The Chair also provided an overview of meeting protocol and order of business for clarification purposes.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Terms of Reference

Resolution No. AAAC002-15

Moved by France Guillemette

Seconded by Tammy Bartel

THAT the Arnprior Accessibility Advisory Committee Members receive and understand the Arnprior Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

Resolution CARRIED

The Town Clerk outlined the Arnprior Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, and responded to questions.

b) 2014 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Status Report

Resolution No. AAAC003-15

Moved by David Furgoch

Seconded by Jane Dowd

THAT the Arnprior Accessibility Advisory Committee receive the Council approved 2014 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Status Report as information.

Resolution CARRIED

The Secretariat Services Coordinator reviewed the 2014 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Status Report, and outlined various further achievements, over and above legislative requirements. The Secretariat Services Coordinator noted the Town is currently in compliance with legislation.

Discussion ensued amongst Committee Members with the following representing a summary of comments:

- The change room situation at the Nick Smith Centre needs to be adapted for a “Family” situation, to not only assist those with disabilities requiring assistance, but also those of varying gender backgrounds and those parents with young children of the opposite sex. It is understood there are significant budget constraints for creating/ adapting the current change rooms, however an in-term solution, using another room, should be explored. The potential for a card swipe entry into the pool for parents/ those assisting persons with disabilities was suggested, due to the fact that the only entrances to the pool are through the current change rooms and the pool office. The pool office is kept locked by law and thus a staff member needs to be present in order to let an individual(s) into the pool if they are using another room other than the change rooms.

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- The Chair requested a copy of the upcoming plans for the various Nick Smith Centre renovations.
- More public education to the fact that meetings can be moved for those individuals requiring an accessible location and want to be in attendance. It was suggested that this type of education be posted on the town website and in the newspaper, for residents requiring assistance, to be aware of the option. The Chair stated that the Chair lift and accessible washroom for the second floor of Town Hall are on the radar.
- Current parks, park play structures, and park washroom facilities should be added to the list of “Further Achievements” – Goals for the Nick Smith Centre, as they are not required to be updated until renovated or replaced, but should be kept on the radar for completion, if budget permits.
- It was suggested that other activities and programs should be explored for those persons, especially children, with disabilities.
- It was suggested that a section be put into the Arnprior Life magazine that outlines Accessible Programs and Activities available.

c) Committee Review of Upcoming Items of Business

The Town Clerk lead a discussion surrounding the Committee’s preferences when it comes to review of Town items impacting accessibility and accessibility of services. The Town Clerk noted that she and the Secretariat Services Coordinator will be paying attention to the reports and projects coming forward with regards to projects which could have an impact on accessibility and/or where accessibility needs to be considered. These items will be brought forward in the form of a Memo as well as to the regularly scheduled meetings. If an item requires expedited attention, various special meetings may be required. Staff is endeavoring to consider accessibility when bringing all reports forward to Council.

These extensive items of business, where Committee involvement would be beneficial, were noted by the Chair:

- Any Town Building Renovations
- Down Town Revitalization Project – it was noted there will be a final public meeting held, and the Arnprior Accessibility Advisory Committee Member should attend, and a special meeting should be held after to discuss any questions or concerns of the Committee.
- Strategic Plan Document – it was noted the Arnprior Accessibility Advisory Committee has been invited to attend the upcoming exercise.
- Redevelopment of any Recreation Trails, Beaches, Parks, as well as Exterior Paths of Travel, as of January 2016 under the Design of Public Spaces Standard.
- Waterfront Rehabilitation
- Potential Building of New Town Hall
- Continued feedback on the New Town Website is necessary, as it is a constant work in progress

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The Chair noted there are many other projects and items of business where the Committee may be required/ should be consulted; these are just a few examples of items to keep in mind.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. AAAC004-15

Moved by France Guillemette

Seconded by Tammy Bartel

THAT this meeting of the Arnprior Accessibility Advisory Committee be adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Resolution CARRIED