



A meeting of the Stratford Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) was held on
Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. - Electronically

Committee Present: Peter Zein – Chair Presiding, Councillor Bonnie Henderson, *Judy Hopf, Laurie Maloney-Devlin, Geoff Krauter, Peg Huettlin, *Diane Sims

Staff Present: Tatiana Dafoe – Clerk (City of Stratford), Tyler Sager – Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk (County of Perth), *Dan Sykes – Development Coordinator, Casey Riehl – Recording Secretary

Absent: Jessica Jantzi

Minutes

1.0 Call to Order

The Chair called the AAC meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.

2.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None declared.

3.0 Adoption of the Previous Minutes

Motion by Peg Huettlin, seconded by Laurie Maloney-Devlin

THAT the minutes from the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting dated November 3, 2020 be adopted as printed.

Carried.

4.0 Infrastructure & Development Services Update – Dan Sykes

- Dan Sykes reported that the contractor has completed all the scheduled 2020 curb cuts for the year.
- The Mornington Street connecting pathway from Graff Avenue to McCarthy Road is scheduled to be completed in 2021.
- Development Services staff has submitted a \$50,000.00 request to Finance for the 2021 accessibility budget.
- The Erie Street accessible parking spot is complete, and signage will be installed.
- New “No Parking” signs will be installed at all access aisles soon.
- Public Works has been contacted and made aware of the importance of keeping the snow cleared off the access aisles.

- Staff has checked the timing on the Huron Street crossing and the timing is set for one meter/second, as per the traffic standards.
- Staff is still waiting on parts for the Erie and Ontario Street crossing.

*Diane Sims now present (11:38 a.m.)

- Peter Zein inquired if staff could look at the new Lakeside Drive accessible spot. There is no bumper or bollards to stop people from parking over the access aisle. Dan Sykes asked Mr. Zein to outline his concerns in an e-mail to him and staff will follow up on it.

5.0 Parking

No items to discuss.

6.0 Transit

(a) Discussion on Transit Accessibility Information Session (Nov. 25/20)

Some members of AAC watched the Zoom session for transit accessibility. Members felt the presentation was well done and were encouraged with some of the updates on more shelters, an additional mobility van and new buses. Tatiana Dafoe will forward the link to members so they can watch the presentation and it is also posted on the City website.

Ms. Dafoe also updated the committee members that the Stratford Police Service Board is currently undertaking a comprehensive review of their taxi licensing by-law and looking at revisions for requiring accessible taxi's in the City of Stratford. The Clerk and Deputy Clerk are both working actively with SPS on this review. A preliminary draft should be ready in the first quarter of 2021. Extensive stakeholder and public consultations will be required as part of the process.

7.0 Site Plan Review Sub-Committee Feedback Reports

There were no site plan reviews completed this month.

8.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

(a) Update on Stratford Accessibility Guidelines – Tatiana Dafoe

Tatiana Dafoe updated committee members that the City's Chief Building Official is currently completing a review of the document. As part of the review, they are making sure everything is accurate and there are not any issues that need to be addressed. Staff are estimating that the review should be completed by the end of the year. Subject to no significant issues being identified, the document will then move on to Council for adoption. The Chief Building Official will attend an AAC meeting in February or March to discuss with committee members.

Councillor Henderson inquired if the Clerk could please check if the size of the Type B parking space has been changed to 2.6m. It had previously been 2.4m, which is smaller than a regular parking spot. The Clerk offered to draft an e-mail to staff to raise the concern that if there is going to be a discrepancy between the zoning by-law and the guidelines, that the AAC would like to be kept apprised and have a discussion.

(b) AAC Stand Banner – Tyler Sager

Tyler Sager reviewed the three options for the new AAC pop-up banner. Members decided on sample #2 with some revisions; drop down the symbols onto the blue, make the font as large as space will allow and to add the City of Stratford website address, phone number and an e-mail for people to contact the committee.

Motion by Laurie Maloney-Devlin, seconded by Diane Sims

THAT the Stratford Accessibility Advisory Committee spends up to a maximum of \$1,500.00 for the design and purchase of a pop-up banner for the committee.

Carried.

(c) Update on Presentation to Council – Peter Zein/Diane Sims

Deferred.

(d) International Day of Persons with Disabilities – Annual Award

Diane Sims reported that the review sub-committee visited three locations that were nominated, as well as one individual. Infinity Dance stood out as having met the accessible needs of its' staff and citizens, as well as offering their "Dance-ability" classes to dancers of all capabilities. They also visited with Abby Congram and her team, who were nominated this year for all their efforts in the community. There will be a presentation of the award at the upcoming December 14, 2020 Council meeting.

Motion by Diane Sims, seconded by Judy Hopf

THAT the Stratford Accessibility Advisory Committee presents Infinity Dance the 2020 Accessibility Award and an Honourable Mention to Team Abby Congram.

Carried.

Peter Zein noted that on December 5, 2020 there is a Zoom conference with the Minister of Employment and Disability if members want to attend. Mr. Zein will forward the link.

(e) Affordable/Accessible Housing By-Law – P. Zein/G. Krauter/D. Sims

Peter Zein will send out some links to articles regarding the Ontario Human Rights plan for accessible housing and another one from the Vancouver Sun regarding CMHA funding for accessible housing. Tyler Sager will contact ONAP again to inquire about housing by-laws from other municipalities of similar size to Stratford.

9.0 New Business

(a) March of Dimes –The Bridge Disability Expo (Virtual Conference Dec. 9)

Peter Zein encouraged members to tune into the virtual conference. Registration is free to participate.

10.0 Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 5, 2021 – 11:30 a.m. – Electronically

11.0 Adjournment

Motion by Geoff Krauter, seconded by Judy Hopf

THAT the December 1, 2020 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting adjourn. Carried.

Time: 1:06 P.M.