

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ONTARIANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

REPORT 3-2011

Minutes of a meeting of the Region of Niagara Accessibility Advisory Committee (RNAAC), held in the Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Monday, May 16, 2011, commencing at 12:35 p.m. in Committee Room 4.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Geoff Eden, Committee Chair; Kristine Akilie; Councillor Cindy Forster; Ian Greaves; Emily Isaak; Christine Keith; Anita MacKenzie; Bob Mahoney; Cheryl Toole; Mary Lou Whitty; Jonathan Williams.

Staff: Steve Murphy, Accessibility Advisory Coordinator; Charlotte Powell, Administrative Assistant.

Others: Kerry Grandfield, Oral Interpreter; Virginia Stewart, Community Services.

20. Committee Chair Geoff Eden welcomed the committee and called the meeting to order. Roundtable introductions were made.

PRESENTATIONS

21. Age Friendly Communities Initiative

Virginia Stewart, Community Services, provided the committee with a presentation and several accompanying hand-outs on the Age Friendly Communities Initiative. Ms. Stewart requested that the committee provide feedback in terms of the wording of the survey questions.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

22. Actioning Accessibility Through Customer Service

Steve Murphy provided the committee with a brief overview of the May 9 workshop in Burlington on Actioning Accessibility Through Customer Service and, with the permission of the committee chair, opened the floor to comments from committee members who had also attended the workshop. This event was intended to provide direction to the members of Accessibility Advisory Committees with the upcoming compliance dates for the Broader Public and Private sectors and various ways in which Accessible Advisory Committees can assist with this mandated compliance.

23. Enabling Change Initiative

Steve Murphy apprised the committee of a workshop next month in Barrie aimed at providing direction to the Not for Profit sector north of Toronto. Steve will attend in order for the Region to be able to provide the Not for Profit sector and the committee with information consistent with that of the Accessibility Directorate.

24. Council Chamber Renovations

Steve Murphy apprised the committee that he has been invited to attend the Council Chamber Renovations Committee meeting on May 31, 2011. Councillor Forster advised the committee that as the Council Chamber Renovations Committee meeting on May 31 at 10:00 in Committee Room 4 is not an in-camera event, any interested parties may attend.

CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

25. Moved by Christine Keith
Seconded by Bob Mahoney

That the correspondence items be received for information:

AAC 45-2011 Shedding light on disabilities
The Kingston Whig-Standard Wednesday April 6 2011

AAC 46-2011 City chosen as 'end of day' location; COMMITTEE:
Convinced Rick Hansen should stop in Belleville
The Belleville Intelligencer - Thursday April 7 2011

- AAC 47-2011 Tips on breaking down barriers; ACCESSIBILITY
The Brantford Expositor - Friday April 8 2011
- AAC 48-2011 Three local organizations receive Trillium grants
Inside Halton - Wednesday April 13 2011
- AAC 49-2011 All about accessibility
The Pembroke Observer - Thursday April 14 2011
- AAC 50-2011 Accessible play is more than just fun
Hamilton Spectator - Thursday April 14 2011
- AAC 51-2011 Supporting SMART: a smart move for council
Arthur Enterprise News - Wednesday April 20 2011
- AAC 52-2011 Medical pot user says he was harassed by cops at Oshawa
drug conference
Oshawa This Week - Wednesday April 20 2011
- AAC 53-2011 Budget approved, but with a caveat
Elmira Independent - Wednesday April 27 2011
- AAC 54-2011 Ticketmaster Makes Website Fully Accessible and Fan-
Friendly to Blind Users
EU Ticket News - Wednesday April 27 2011
- AAC 55-2011 Letters to the Editor Column
The Niagara Falls Review - Wednesday April 27 2011
- AAC 56-2011 Miratel Solutions Expands CSR Business Strategies with
Launch of Fully Accessible Website
American Consumer News - Friday April 29 2011
- AAC 57-2011 Visually impaired voters concerned about accessibility
The Peterborough Examiner - Wednesday May 4
- AAC 58-2011 A need perceived and subsequently filled
Stirling EMC - Thursday May 5 2011

Carried.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION (Continued)

26. April 12, 2011
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Moved by Anita MacKenzie
Seconded by Ian Greaves

That Report 2-2011, being the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of April 12, 2011, be approved as distributed ***as amended, with the correction of the spelling of Bob Mahoney's name.***

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

29. Standards Development Update

In reference to Minute Item 16 from the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of April 12, 2011, Steve Murphy advised that the letter to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario asking for some justification for their stance regarding the *Integrated Accessibility Requirements* will be on the agenda for the Regional Council meeting on May 26, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 2:14 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 12:30 p.m. in Committee Room 4.

Geoff Eden
Chair

Charlotte Powell
Administrative Assistant
Council Secretariat