

**UNITED COUNTIES OF LEEDS AND GRENVILLE**

**LEEDS AND GRENVILLE  
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes**

**Wednesday, February 11, 2009**

**10:00 a.m.**

**The Bill Thake Board Room, the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville  
Administration Building – 25 Central Avenue West, Brockville**

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The Accessibility Advisory Committee met on February 11, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Bill Thake Board Room at the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Administration Building – 25 Central Avenue West Brockville.

**Members Present:** Bob Greene, Chair, Keith Moyer, Vice-Chair, Elfriede Dohle, John McClintock, Elaine McClintock, Evelyn Pott, Calvin Turner, Bill Thake, John Conley

**Staff Present:** Les Shepherd, Allan Brown, Lisa Severson

**1.0 Call Meeting To Order**

Mr. Greene welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**2.0 Additions to the Agenda**

There were no additions made to the agenda.

**3.0 Approval of Minutes – January 14, 2009**

**Motion**

**Moved by Mrs. McClintock and seconded by Mr. Thake**

**THAT the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on January 14, 2009 be approved as circulated. Carried.**

## **4.0 Correspondence, Communications and Petitions**

### **4.0.1 From the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Council (03-Feb-09)**

**Re: AMO Expresses Concern, Provides Recommendations to Minister on Proposed AODA Information and Communications Standard**

Upon review of the AMO correspondence, the Committee supported AMO's recommendations related to the proposed AODA Information and Communications Standard. However the Committee took exception to AMO's recommendation on Accessible municipal and provincial elections

*"AMO recommends that if section 7 remains in the standard, the Provincial Government should create a program to fund accessibility enhancements for municipal elections. AMO strongly opposes the inclusion in the standards of requirement for individuals running for municipal election as they cannot be considered to be part an organization that is intended to be covered by the Act."*

The Committee has directed staff to draft a letter for their review and approval to AMO reminding them that having a disability does not limit an individual's ability to participate in government and therefore should not be discriminated against due to their disability. The letter will be brought forward to the March meeting for review.

Mr. Thake and Mr. Conley will be attending the OGRA/ROMA Conference February 22<sup>nd</sup> to February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and will attend a workshop on Accessibility that is being offered at the conference. They will report back on any pertinent information to the Committee.

## **5.0 Business Arising from the January 14, 2009 Meeting**

### **5.0.1 Review of the 2008 Accessibility Advisory Plan 2008 Submission**

The Committee reviewed the amended plan and provided input on the content of the Accessibility Advisory Plan. Staff has been requested to complete the changes and provide the Committee with the plan for final review at the March meeting. Staff has been directed to contact the Accessibility Directorate to advise them of the delay in submission of the Plan.

### **5.0.2 Draft Press Release - Who the Accessibility Advisory Committee Is and Their Initiatives**

Mr. Greene will complete a communiqué from the Accessibility Advisory Committee to be posted on the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville website. The communiqué will provide a brief description of the Committee's mandate and achievements as well as links to sites to various community agencies that can assist with questions on disabilities.

## **6 New Business**

Mr. Moyer stated that the new Building Standards have been released but he has not been able to obtain a copy. It was requested that staff have copies of the new standards for the March meeting for review by the Committee.

## **7 Other Business**

Mr. Shepherd reviewed the plans for upgrades at the Leeds and Grenville EMS Station in Elgin. This site, once refurbished will be used as an ambulance base and have training facilities. The building will be accessible to individuals with disabilities.

## **8 Unfinished Business**

Mr. Thake updated the Committee on their concerns in relation to the entrance to the Counties Administration Building. Clear, visible signage has been posted and after the frost is out of the ground the speed bumps will be inserted back into the roadway assisting in reducing speed of drivers and ensuring the safety of pedestrians.

## **9 Standing Items**

### **9.0.1 Customer Service Standards**

Ms. Severson reported that the position for the CEMC, Health and Safety and Accessibility Coordinator had been filled and that the successful incumbent will begin his duties on March 2, 2009. He will be invited to the March meeting.

**10 Next Meeting**

**March 11, 2009**

**11 Adjournment**

**Motion**

**Moved by Mr. Conley and seconded by Mr. Thake that the Accessibility Advisory Committee adjourn. Carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.