

UNITED COUNTIES OF LEEDS AND GRENVILLE

**LEEDS AND GRENVILLE
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Minutes

Wednesday, March 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**

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met on March 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: Keith Moyer, Vice-Chair, Elfriede Dohle, John McClintock, Elaine McClintock, Evelyn Pott, Calvin Turner, Bill Thake, John Conley

Members Absent: Bob Greene, Chair, Allan Brown

Staff Present: Les Shepherd, Lisa Severson

1.0 Call Meeting To Order

Mr. Moyer called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and provided regrets on behalf of Mr. Greene who was unable to attend the meeting.

2.0 Additions to the Agenda

An addition was made under 4.0 Correspondence, Communication and Petitions World's First Fishing Boat for Blind and Lawrence Euteneier Article

3.0 Approval of Minutes – February 11, 2009

Motion

Moved by Mr. Conley and seconded by Mr. Thake

THAT the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on March 11, 2009 be approved as circulated. Carried.

4.0 Correspondence, Communications and Petitions

4.0.1 From The Honourable Madeline Meilleur, Minister of Community and Social Services (06-Mar-09)

Re: AODA Employment Standard

This item was received and filed.

4.0.2 From the Accessibility Directorate to the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville (02-Mar-09)

Re: AODA Employment Standard – Opportunity to Comment

This item was deferred to the April 15, 2009 meeting.

4.0.3 Newspaper Article – World’s First Fishing Boat for Blind and Lawrence Euteneier

This item was received and filed.

5.0 Business Arising from the March 11, 2009 Meeting

5.0.1 Review of the 2008 Accessibility Advisory Plan

The Committee reviewed the 2008 Accessibility Advisory Plan. They felt the plan was well done but the Counties action on Customer Service Regulations should be added prior to final Council approval.

Motion

Moved by Mrs. McClintock and seconded by Mr. Turner

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends to Counties Council the approval of the 2008 Accessibility Plan as presented with the addition of the Counties action on the Customer Service Regulations. Carried.

5.0.2 United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Delegation with the Honourable Minister Meilleur, Ministry of Community and Social Service – Re: AODA Information and Communication Standards

This item was provided to the Committee as information. It was received and filed.

5.0.3 Update on Accessibility Workshop at OGRA/ROMA

Mr. Thake and Mr. Conley provided an update on the Accessibility Workshop they attend while at the OGRA/ROMA Conference. The concerns raised during the session included the timeframe for implementation of the Communication Regulation and the need for the government to understand that a “cookie cutter” approach to the new standards will not work well and will create hardships for municipalities across Ontario. Currently there are no means of funding from the government to assist municipalities with the implementations of the regulations. Mr. Conley was able to record the session and there is a CD available through Ms. Severson for interested Committee members to borrow.

5.0.4 Review of Draft Letter to the AMO - AMO Expresses Concern, Provides Recommendations to Minister on Proposed AODA Information and Communications Standard

Motion

Moved by Mrs. McClintock and seconded by Mrs. Dohle

THAT the draft response letter to AMO on their communiqué, AMO Expresses Concern, Provides Recommendations to Minister on Proposed AODA Information and Communications Standard was approved for submission. Carried.

6 New Business – No Report

7 Other Business - No Report

8 Unfinished Business

8.0.1 Transportation Regulations

The Committee reviewed the draft Transportation Regulations. The Committee agreed that it was a difficult document to read. The dates for implementation will be onerous for some municipalities and business owners to comply with. The transportation regulations will have little impact on the Counties as it does not provide public transportation. Comments on the regulations can be made via the Accessibility Directorate's website.

Many communities such as London Ontario, British Columbia and Las Vegas, Nevada all have accessible public transit and it works well for all of those communities.

9 Standing Items

9.0.1 Customer Service Standards

10 Next Meeting

April 15, 2009

11 Adjournment

Motion

Moved by Mrs. Pott and seconded by Mrs. Dohle that the Accessibility Advisory Committee adjourn. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.