

UNITED COUNTIES OF LEEDS AND GRENVILLE

LEEDS AND GRENVILLE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

Wednesday, January 14, 2009

10:00 a.m.

Council Chambers - The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
Administration Building – 25 Central Avenue West, Brockville

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met on January 14, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers at the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Administration Building – 25 Central Avenue West Brockville.

Members Present: Bob Greene, Chair, Elfriede Dohle, John McClintock, Elaine McClintock, Evelyn Pott, Calvin Turner, Bill Thake, John Conley

Staff Present: Allan Brown, Lisa Severson

Absent: Keith Moyer, Vice Chair

1.0 Call Meeting To Order

Mr. Greene welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Mr. Greene welcomed Mr. Turner to the Committee and apologized for his absent from the October meeting.

2.0 Additions to the Agenda

2.0.1 Entrance to Counties Administration Building - 25 Central Avenue West

Members of the Committee feel that the entrance to the Counties Administration Building is not safe and is far from the accessible parking areas. The Committee would like to suggest to Counties staff that a railing should be erected by the walking lane and safety signage should be added to ensure everyone is aware of the entrance and the traffic flow.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – October 14, 2008

Motion

Moved by Mr. Thake and seconded by Mrs. McClintock

THAT the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on October 14, 2008 be approved as circulated. Carried.

4.0 Correspondence, Communications and Petitions

4.0.1 From the Council of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville to the Accessibility Advisory Committee (08-Jan-09)

Re: Resolution – The Process of Developing New Communication Standards Under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA 2005)

The Committee reviewed the resolution passed by the Counties Council on January 8, 2009 regarding the new Communication Standards under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA 2005) (available upon request). The Accessibility Committee supports the resolution passed by Counties Council but feels that the Counties must accommodate the needs of individuals with disabilities thus enabling greater public participation by all residents of Leeds and Grenville.

Motion

Moved by Mr. Turner and seconded by Mrs. Dohle

THAT the Accessibility Committee supports the resolution of Counties Council regarding the process of developing new Communication Standards under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA 2005). Carried.

5.0 Business Arising from the October 14, 2008 Meeting

6.0.2 Transportation Working Group Update – D. Gill/A. Brown

Mr. Brown provided an update and a copy of the Transportation Working Group Report to the Committee for their review. A Transportation Coordinator has been hired to work on the project. The Coordinator will investigate funding options and present the findings to the Working Group.

Mr. Thake commented that there are areas that do provide transportation to individuals with disabilities. The Westport Lion's Club has been operating a bus which is accessible, for almost twenty years and its operation is solely funded by donations and fund raising efforts of the Lions Club. The service is provided for residents in the area and is heavily used by both disabled and able bodied residents.

Mr. Conley remarked that the CHPC also has a program in place which residents can utilize transportation which is provided by volunteer drivers. Although there is not an accessible vehicle at this time owned by CHPC if there was enough interest and need it would be an avenue that the CPHC would consider for the future. Groups such as the MS Society should contact the CPHC and discuss needs and numbers of individuals who benefit from their services.

6.0.3 Review of the 2008 Accessibility Advisory Plan 2008 Submission

This item was deferred to the February 11, 2008 meeting.

6.0.4 Promotional Ideas for 2009

It was determined that for 2009 the Accessibility Committee would not be submitting a budget to the Counties for consideration, but they will begin to formulate an action plan and budget for 2010.

Mr. Greene agreed to prepare a press release which will introduce the Committee to the region and explain who the Accessibility Committee is and the Committee's achievements and goals. The press release will be distributed to the local media of the region. It was suggested that the press be invited to the Accessibility Committee meetings and that each quarter public interest stories be sent to the media for inclusion in their publications related to accessibility.

6.0 New Business

6.02 AODA Standards Development Committees draft proposed for Information & Communications Standard – B. Greene

7.0 Other Business

8.0 Unfinished Business – No Report

9.0 Standing Items

9.0.1 Customer Service Standards

10.0 Next Meeting

February 11, 2009

5 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.