



**CITY OF WELLAND**  
**Parks, Facilities, Recreation & Cultural Services**  
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**Accessibility Advisory Committee**

**MINUTES (12-2009)**

<b>Place</b>	Rose City Seniors Activity Centre – Boardroom		
<b>Date</b>	Wednesday, December 16, 2009		
<b>Time</b>	3:00 to 4:30pm		
	<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Initials</b>
<b>Present</b>	Russ Findlay, Chair		RF
	Geoff Eden		GE
	Dianna Kit Mete		DKM
	Saro Stranges		SS
	Maureen Todd		MT
	Marsha Cousins		MC
	Stephen Quesnelle		SQ
	Jane Thompson		JT
<b>Staff</b>	Alfred Stockwell	CoW	AS
	Gordon Misener		GM
<b>Regrets</b>	Richard Morwald	CoW	RM
	Councilor Rick Alakas	CoW	CRA
<b>Absent</b>	Marsha Cousins		MC
<b>Minutes</b>	Kim Warner	CoW	KW

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1.	Meeting was called to order at 3pm.	
2.	<b>MOTION</b> to adopt Minutes of previous meeting Moved by DKM, seconded by SS <b>CARRIED</b>	
3.	<b>Business from minutes</b>	
3.1.	<b>Wal-Mart bus loading zones</b> No report	
3.2.	<b>Snow removal proposal</b> No report	
3.3.	<b>Endorsing FADS</b> No report	

- 3.4. TTY/TDD: Textnet**  
No report
- 3.5. WRCC Amphitheater**  
No report
- 3.6. Customer Service Policy – City Staff Workshop**  
AS reported that the Transit Department training is complete.
- 3.7. Facility Audit**  
No report
- 3.8. Accessible Playgrounds**  
No report
- 3.9. Handi-Trans, Seniors Discount Fare**  
No report
- 3.10. Accessible Housing Construction**  
No report
- 3.11. Market Square Development**  
No report
- 3.12. Customer Service Seminar, Business Community**  
No report
- 3.13. Rose City Seniors Activity Centre Expansion**  
The committee will meet at Civic Square during construction.
- 3.14. Welland Fire Hall**  
No report
- 3.15. Browsealoud**  
Item deferred for 6 months, to allow technology to catch up.
- 3.16. Railway Crossings**  
The Broadway Street former railway crossing does not provide a safe, accessible pathway. The north side is missing sidewalks and does not provide an accessible crossing. The south side crossing is an extension of the road, which acts as a crossing, and the pavement is badly broken.

**RF**

**MOTION** to recommend a sidewalk installation and an accessible railway crossing on the south side of Broadway from Kilgour Ave to Forster Ave/Crowther Ave, in the 2010 plan.

Moved by Jane Thompson, seconded by Saro Stranges

**CARRIED**

**3.17. Designated Parking Spaces**

No report

**3.18. ParaSport Ontario**

To keep up with the momentum of the Olympic & Paralympic games, the committee decided that this is an opportune time to move forward. The committee discussed and identified interested parties and potential community partnerships.

**3.19. Yellow Ramp Project**

**ACTION** – Investigate an alternate tool utilized by St. Catharines businesses in the St. Paul Street area.

**RF**

**CHAIR**

**3.20. Welland Official Plan**

No report

**3.21. FM Transmitter in Council Chambers**

No report

**3.22. Distribution of customer service policy**

No report

**3.23. Automated announcement dialing for service interruptions**

No report

**4. New Business**

**4.1. AAC Budget status**

RF reported that the committee's budget was approved by the budget committee for recommendation to council.

**4.2. Snow clearing city streets Age-friendly Communities**

Sidewalks should be accessible year round.

**ACTION** – To investigate current sidewalk clearing procedures in Welland.

**RF**

**CHAIR**

**4.3. Establishing a Project Lifesaver Chapter in Welland**

RF suggested that the committee take a lead role in establishing a Welland Chapter, and that it be added to the 2010 plan. SS suggested that the Welland Chapter use a more appropriate terminology in its description of the use of the device for persons with Alzheimer's and autism. The OPP will be invited to appear at a future

meeting.

**4.4. Meeting with Charles Beer**

GE reported on the meeting and suggested that the committee's written input should be submitted by January.

***RF & GE***

**ACTION** – To draft a committee response for the Charles Beer inquiry.

**CHAIR**

**4.5. Automated Announcement on city buses**

AS reported that Council approved the request to purchase an automated announcement system. The audio/video systems will be monitored in real time. Next step to decide on the size of the display boards.

**5. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:25pm.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, January 27, 2010  
Rose City Seniors Activity Centre, Craft Room, 3pm