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**ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES (04-2018)**

<b>Location</b>	Welland Community Wellness Complex, Meeting Room		
<b>Date</b>	April 18, 2018		
<b>Time</b>	3:00pm		
	<b>Name</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Initials</b>
<b>Committee Present</b>	Kathleen Adams	Chair AAC	KA
	Geoff Eden	AAC	GE
	Terry Scott	AAC	TS
	Councillor Mary Ann Grimaldi	City of Welland	MAG
	Carol Course	AAC	CC
	Erik Burggraaf	AAC	EB
<b>Committee Absent with cause</b>	William Barnes Jr.	AAC	WB
<b>Committee Absent without cause</b>	Gregg Furtney	AAC	GF
	Doug Smith	AAC	DS
	Tammy Tanguay	AAC	TT
<b>Staff Representation</b>	Richard Dalton	Manager of Recreation and Culture	RD
	Pierrette Pigeon	Minutes, Clerk Recreation and Culture	PP

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
1.	<b>Introductions</b>	
2.	<b>Call Meeting</b> to Order 3:03 pm Approval of March 21, 2018 meeting minutes 1 <sup>st</sup> TS, 2 <sup>nd</sup> EB all in favour Approval of April 18, 2018 Agenda 1 <sup>st</sup> CC 2 <sup>nd</sup> TS all in favour	
3.	<b>Conflicts of Interest</b> None	

<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Comments from Chair</b></p> <p>Met with Councillor Leo Van Vliet, nothing on transit website or city website on how the public can make a complaint. New bus routes are not able to reprogram stop announcements; they need to go back to the company that supplied the system to make corrections.</p> <p>Transit system in this area is poor, even dangerous. Does not want a point to point transportation. Independence is what most people want. Canadian Federation of the Blind mandate wants to be an equal participant in society. EB must spend \$8.50 for a cab ride to get to a safe bus stop, not cost effective. The area he lives in is not safe even for a sighted person to walk. No sidewalk or safe shoulder to walk with the speed of cars going from 50KM or 80KM per hour in some section of Merrittville Hwy. The CFB supports anyone needing a white cane with no questions asked will mentor travel training. Their goal is to have people to be functioning and independent within our society.</p> <p>Regional transit on regional road suggests to bring this issue to the Mayor Campion, George Marshall and Paul Grenier. Being an election year, it's a good time to bring this to their attention. It's a safety issue.</p> <p>Letter to be composed by KA representing the committee members re: Merrittville Hwy needs to have a safer transit option.</p> <p>Lights at Prince Charles Drive near Medical building, is on the back burner till the new homes are built. 85 family units with the capability for 4 cars per home. This will be increasing the foot and vehicle traffic drastically. At that time committee will be pushing for lights. Region wide transportation is not in sync across the region, not using the same type of systems.</p>	<p>KA</p> <p>EB</p> <p>KA</p> <p>MAG</p> <p>KA</p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Outstanding Business:</b></p> <p>a. Request for motion to accept the revised Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference 1<sup>st</sup> TS 2<sup>nd</sup> GE all in favour Motion to direct MAG as a councillor to give a report to council of the revised Terms of Reference. 1<sup>st</sup> CC 2<sup>nd</sup> TS all in favour Motion MAG will give to council that Welland City council approves the Terms of Reference for the Accessibility Advisory Committee as amended. 1<sup>st</sup> TS 2<sup>nd</sup> GE all in favour</p>	

	<p>Will send to Carmela Radice this evening, hoping to be on the next agenda for the May council meeting. These amended terms of reference would be effective if approved by the council immediately.</p>	<p>MAG</p>
	<p><b>b. Discussion regarding two subcommittees- Tabled from March</b></p> <p><b>a. Facility Accessibility Design subcommittee</b>  To work with planning department this does not include private building, only common space within the buildings can be within the accessibility requirements. Developers bring in plans some of the information is confidential, not given us the opportunity to make suggestion till later stages of the planning. Need to educated council and planning department on accessibility.</p> <p>This was brought up informally with the City Engineer and planning department general conversation was open to having feedback from new committee. There will be challenges in the planning stages. Erik Nickel acting General Manager Infrastructure &amp; Development Services/City Engineer is aware of the new committee and has a good attitude toward our assistance. Ongoing process which has value.  James O’Neill (Project Manager, Facilities) expressed going forward would like to be aware of the issues and creating liaison with committee.  GE and TS would be the members for this new committee.</p> <p><b>b. Sidewalk Maintenance Subcommittee</b>  No to a new subcommittee.  This is a complaint driven process, sidewalk review standing document was done several years ago. Staff should have a copy of this document.  (Action) GE will look into his pass records to retrieve information.  General sidewalk committee representative KA not the same as this proposed new committee. Even on regional roads the city takes care of all the sidewalks and the region takes care of the roads.</p> <p>Councillors are aware of deficiencies within their Wards. Some of the repairs are not on the ten-year plan for repairs. Engineer Department are the first to be advised of repairs in need, for a walk friendly city. Addressing</p>	<p>GE/KA</p> <p>RD</p> <p>KA</p> <p>GE</p> <p>MAG</p>

	<p>lack of accessibility of sidewalks must be addressed first. Staff are supportive of the accessibility of sidewalks.</p> <p>Prince Charles Drive and Wilson way does not have an accessible sidewalk.</p>	CC
6.	<p><b>Sub-Committee Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Public Liaison – nothing to report</li> <li>- Barrier Removal – nothing to report</li> <li>-Sports and Recreation</li> </ul> <p>RD to extend an invitation to our next meeting Karen Natho (NASC) for a 20-25 min presentation, Q &amp; A. Subject matter, recommended landscape of accessible sports in Niagara. Canada Games legacy 2021 to bring to Niagara in terms as accessibility sports. Kayak (accessible) opportunities to continue this summer on the canal. More information on the website. It's still a small group at the moment.</p> <p>Courthouse is opened for business, very pleased with the set up as per accessibility. Should take the opportunity to take a tour of the new facility.</p> <p>Some good material available from the province (PowerPoint's) to be viewed by the council on accessibility would be helpful. Always need to be education.</p>	RD          GE          KA
7.	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Nothing</p>	
8.	<p><b>Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Transit Concerns - Fare boxes to be the same and easy to use should be a region wide system. Stop announcements are not functioning properly, we need to make changes.</li> </ul> <p>If old system not adequate maybe we need to replace to a new system.</p>	GE
9.	<p><b>Adjourn 4:07pm</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> TS 2<sup>nd</sup> CC</p> <p>All in favour</p> <p><b>Next meeting date – Wednesday, May 16, 2018</b></p>	

Unapproved