

# St. Thomas Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

## MINUTES November 29, 2018

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- Location:** Senior's Centre
- Time:** 8:30 a.m.
- Present:** Ken Lizotte, Lisa Kelly, Ginny Chapman, Ken Moser, Councillor Joan Rymal, Cathy Topping, Jim Stacey, Don Shaw
- Regrets:** Graham Dart, Blake Webber

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

### **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

Motion by Don Shaw to adopt the minutes from the May 24, 2018, meeting, seconded by Ken Moser. All in favour, CARRIED.

### **UNFINISHED / OLD BUSINESS**

1. Open House – A review was taken on how the Open House went. While there was only 27 people who attended, all who did thought it was worth coming. It was felt that if the Open House is held annually, people will get to know it is an event. It was agreed to have another Open House in place of the September meeting in 2019.

### **REPORTS**

1. Budget – It was felt this item should be discussed at every meeting. This item will remain a constant under the heading "Reports". Cathy Topping informed the Committee that she submitted the request for a \$5,000 grant for 2019.
2. OBIAA – Lisa Kelly reported the committee is well under way and had one meeting on October 30 at the St. Thomas Library and one in Guelph on November 23, 2018. 18 people attended the Oct. 30 meeting including accessibility committee from Elgin County. They were interested in what is being done both in the City of St. Thomas and other municipalities in the surrounding area towards making their municipalities accessible. Lisa created and presented a slide show showing areas where accessibility is being incorporated into projects/construction of roads in the City of St. Thomas (Talbot St.). On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of Nov. the committee discussed a 5 year plan and are working on a handbook. Looking at low cost/no cost projects that could be completed. The CEO of AODA, Constance Exley, is leading the project. Lisa has contacted Van Pelts to get a quote for printing the booklets. NOTE: This will be a continuous item under this heading for updates on this committee.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. There was a great deal of discussion on what to spend the remaining monies left 2018. One option was to consider an award or scholarship to the 3 high schools in the City for students with a disability. Heather Crockett is going to speak to the schools to determine if there is a need and how it could be arranged. Heather is to report back to the Committee at the January meeting.

Motion was made to give the balance of the 2018 monies \$1,894.18 to Parks & Recreation to go towards purchasing Accessible picnic tables. Motioned by Joan Rymal, Seconded by Don Shaw. All in favour. Carried

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on January 24, 2019 8:30 a.m. commencing at St. Thomas Senior's Centre.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:08a.m. was made by Ken Moser, seconded by Jim Stacey. All in favour, CARRIED

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Signed, Chair, Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date