

Corporation of the Township of McNab/Braeside

Accessibility Advisory Committee

January 8, 2019 - 9:00 a.m.

Summary of Meeting:

In attendance:

Support Staff:

Angela Young, Deputy Clerk
Chris Vereyken, Chief Building Official
Ryan Frew, Public Works Director
Geoff Patterson, Recreation Director
Helen Siroski, Recording Secretary

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

Members were asked to state any pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof before the item is discussed.

No disclosures of pecuniary interest were declared at this time.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Angela Young, seconded by Chris Vereyken, THAT the agenda dated January 8th, 2019 be adopted as submitted and circulated. **CARRIED.**

3. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved by Geoff Patterson, seconded by Chris Vereyken, THAT the minutes of the September 10th, 2018 meeting be adopted as submitted and circulated. **CARRIED.**

4. Updates:

- Wheelchair Accessible Picnic Tables

Recreation Director Geoff Patterson advised that a representative from the Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC) Men's Shed, had contacted the Township with an offer to make wheelchair accessible picnic tables for the Township and requesting that a preferred design be provided. Mr. Patterson further advised that a prototype table has been taken to the SALC to be used as a template.

5. New Business:

- AODA November 2018 Newsletter

Helen Siroski had circulated this document to the Committee prior to the meeting.

- Jumpstart – Accessibility Enabling Grants

Helen Siroski advised that Councillor Heather Lang had forwarded information pertaining to grant opportunities to Treasurer Angie Lochtie who in turn passed it on to the Accessibility Advisory Committee with a request for a recommendation for the Committee to support the Township submitting an application for a grant to make the Braeside rink accessible.

Public Works Director Ryan Frew explained that there are two separate grants, the Accessibility Enabling Grant and the Inclusive Design Innovation Grant and added that the Inclusive Design Innovation Grant may be more beneficial to the Township to help offset the cost of installing new boards if they are already planned. The Committee discussed the request and the merits of both grant opportunities and were in agreement that the Inclusive Design Innovation Grant could be used to build the ice surface to meet accessibility standards and to purchase clear plexi-glass boards for the viewing area. The Committee also discussed the possibility of installing a hardened surface to accommodate off-season sports and activities.

The Committee discussed individuals and groups who could be approached for letters of support. It was suggested that the Upper Ottawa Valley Ringette Association and Special Olympics may be interested in providing letters. The following recommendation was then made:

Moved by Ryan Frew, seconded by Geoff Patterson, THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee support the Township of McNab/Braeside in applying for the Inclusive Design Innovation Grant for access to the rink surface, accessible viewing and for a hardened surface for off-season sports and activities. **CARRIED.**

The next Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday March 5, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Moved by Angela Young, seconded by Chris Vereyken, THAT this meeting adjourn at 9:50 a.m. **CARRIED.**