



**Accessibility Advisory Committee  
MINUTES**

**Date: Tuesday, January 31, 2012 2:00 pm**

**Location: Perth East Municipal Building**

**Members Present:** Chairperson, Marion Sage (North Perth)  
Ethel Sage (North Perth)  
Judy Givens (North Perth)  
Therese Brodhagen (West Perth)  
Mary McLagan (West Perth)  
Janice Klages (West Perth)  
Judy Nafziger (Perth East)  
Councillor, Rhonda Ehgoetz

**Members Absent:** Dennis Manarey (Perth South)

**Staff Present:** Mary Anne Melanson, Accessibility Coordinator

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mary Anne Melanson called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm and verified quorum was present.

- 1.1 Welcome and Introduction of Members
- 1.2 Appointment of Chair

Nominations from the floor and expression of interest were taken.

Rhonda Ehgoetz and Judy Nafziger nominated Marion Sage as the Chairperson.

Marion Sage and Therese Brodhagen nominated Janice Klages.

With votes tallied, Mary Anne Melanson announced the successful candidate for Chair as Janice Klages. The remainder of the meeting was chaired by the new chair, Janice Klages.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST and general nature thereof**

No Disclosures Stated.

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3. ADDITION TO AGENDA/ADOPTION

Moved By Judy Nafziger

Seconded By Marion Sage

THAT the agenda for January 31, 2012 be approved, with the following changes, additions:

5.4 Banner

6.6 2012 Meeting Dates;

**Carried**

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved By Judy Givens

Seconded By Mary McLagan

THAT the minutes of the October 25, 2011 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be approved as amended;

Correct name of North Perth Chamber of Commerce Contact as Sharon D'Arcey

Correct details for funds allocation for Charity Hockey Challenge, December 3, 2011;

**Carried**

5. BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.1 Private Business Accessible Customer Service

The North Perth AAC members and the Accessibility Coordinator attended the session hosted by the North Perth Chamber of Commerce in November 2011. Many invitations were extended with limited attendance; yet, positive comments were shared by local businesses in attendance

5.2 International Day for Persons with Disabilities

Moved by Judy Nafziger

Seconded by Marion Sage

THAT the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee will proceed with planning and running the Hockey Challenge special event in 2012;

**Carried**

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5.3 County and Member Municipality Website Review

AAC members to review websites and report their finding back at the next meeting.

5.4 Banner

Moved by Therese Brodhagen

Seconded by Ethel Sage

THAT the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee proceed with researching graphics design (Therese Brodhagen) and the purchase of a banner (Janice Klages) for Committee use; and

That the final decision on the design to be made by committee at next meeting on April 10, 2012;

**Carried**

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Updated Joint Accessibility Plan

Discussion on document after plan had been sent out to all members for review and comment.

6.2 Budget

Proposed Accessibility 2012 Operating Budget shared as information.

6.3 Accessibility Awareness Event for 2012

General discussion opened dialogue on options for a 2012 Accessibility Awareness Event. Options included: 1-Wheelchair obstacles course event; 2- Public event with key note speaker; 3-Partnering with Canadian Mental Health; 4- Teddy Bear Picnic, family and children event.

Group agreed to research options for addressing more “invisible” disabilities that may require greater exposure and awareness.

6.4 AAC Networking Invitations

Invitation to attended Stratford AAC and determine possible partnership options for future events etc. Details serve as information.

Attendance at the SWEEP Severe Weather Training and Exercise hosted by Perth County Emergency Control Group. Registration form provided for information and invitation. Individual members to sign-up based on availability and interest.

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6.5 AAC Membership

By-Law No. 3228-2010 Appointing the Perth County Joint Accessibility Committee and Current AAC membership list provided as information.

Forms for members wanting to re-apply were provided. Individuals who are interested in re-applying are asked to submit form by next meeting April 10, 2012.

6.6 AAC 2012 Meeting Dates

Meeting schedule confirmed as the following:

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

7. NEXT MEETING

The next Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 2pm at the Perth East Municipal Building.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By Therese Brodhagen

Seconded By Judy Givens

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee adjourned at 4:14pm;

**Carried**

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Janice Klages, Chair

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Mary Anne Melanson,  
Accessibility Coordinator and  
Recorder