



**PERTH COUNTY ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**January 30, 2013, 10:00 AM  
Perth East Council Chambers, 25 Mill Street East, Milverton**

**Members Present:** Chairperson, Dennis Manarey, Judy Givens, Janice Klages, Judy Nafziger, Perth County Councillor Rhonda Ehgoetz

**Members Absent:** Ethel Sage, Marion Sage, Mary McLagen, Therese Brodhagen

**Staff Present:** Julia Opie, Accessibility Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Julia Opie, Accessibility Coordinator called the meeting to order and performed the duties of the Interim Chair.

Members of the AAC Committee were asked to state their intention to seek the position of Chairperson.

Member Dennis Manarey stated his intention to seek the position of Chairperson.

**Resolution Number AAC-01-13-01**

Moved By Judy Nafziger

Seconded By Judy Givens

THAT the AAC declared Dennis Manarey as the 2013 Chairperson for the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Carried.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA**

**Resolution Number AAC-01-13-02**

Moved By Rhonda Ehgoetz

Seconded By Janice Klages

THAT the agenda for November 6, 2012 be approved, with the following additions,

Addition:

7.0 Correspondence – Therese Brodhagen Resignation

8.0 Terms of Reference – Quorum issue

Carried.

**3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST and general nature thereof**

No disclosures made.

**4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**4.1 Perth County Accessibility Advisory Committee – November 6/12**

**Regular Minutes**

**Resolution Number AAC-01-13-03**

Moved By Judy Givens

Seconded By Janice Klages



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THAT the minutes of the November 6, 2012 meeting of the Perth County Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

Carried.

**5. DELEGATIONS – no delegations**

**6. REPORTS**

**6.1 International Day for Persons with Disabilities – Hockey Game**

Julia Opie relayed the success of the Second Annual Amputee Hockey Challenge in celebration of International Day for Persons with Disabilities, which was hosted at the Perth East Recreation Complex On December 1, 2012. NHL Official, Steve Miller and City of Stratford Mayor, Dan Mathieson officiated the game, and said that they would be interested in doing this again, if their schedules permitted.

The event income and expenses were presented, and with the remaining funds, donations to the Monkton Lady Wildcats Hockey team and the Canadian Amputee Sports Association were established.

It was decided to defer discussion about a similar event in 2013 to the next meeting.

**Resolution Number AAC-01-13-04**

Moved By Janice Klages

Seconded By Rhonda Ehgoetz

THAT Perth County Accessibility Advisory Committee donate \$150 to the Monkton Lady Wildcats Hockey team from the funds raised at the December 1, 2012 Amputee Hockey Challenge;

Carried.

**Resolution Number AAC-01-13-05**

Moved By Judy Nafziger

Seconded By Judy Givens

THAT Perth County Accessibility Advisory Committee donate the remaining funds of \$183 to the Canadian Amputee Sports Association (CASA) from the funds raised at the December 1, 2012 Amputee Hockey Challenge;

Carried.

**6.2 County of Perth Corporate Accessibility Policy**

Julia Opie presented the Committee with a final draft of the County of Perth Corporate Accessibility Policy.

The County of Perth Corporate Accessibility Policy must be approved by Perth County Council.

**Resolution Number AAC-01-13-06**

Moved By Judy Nafziger

Seconded By Judy Givens



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THAT Perth County Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend to Perth County Council that the County of Perth Corporate Accessibility Policy be approved;

Carried.

### **6.3 Perth County Joint Multi-Year Accessibility Plan**

Julia Opie presented the Committee with a final draft of the Perth County Joint Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

The Perth County Joint Multi-Year Accessibility Plan must be approved by Perth County Council.

#### **Resolution Number AAC-01-13-07**

Moved By Judy Nafziger

Seconded By Rhonda Ehgoetz

THAT Perth County Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend to Perth County Council that the Perth County Joint Multi-Year Accessibility Plan be approved with the addition of three North Perth Built Environment Goals;

Carried.

### **6.4 Community in Motion Accessibility Fair – June 1, 2013**

Julia Opie presented the Committee with a final draft of the Community in Motion Accessibility Fair Exhibitor Package, which she developed. This event is a collaborative effort between the County of Perth, the City of Stratford and the Town of St. Marys, as well as Community Living in each of the Municipalities, and is scheduled for June 1, 2013 at the Rotary Complex in Stratford. Admission is free. \$1000 has been requested in the 2013 budget; however this budget has not yet been approved. The plan is for any monies that are collected from the vendors to be used to offset any event costs, such as advertising. The County of Perth AAC can have an information booth at no cost. Concerns were raised over the commitment of time and the assumption of financial responsibilities for this event. A decision was made to clarify the role of the County of Perth Accessibility Coordinator with regards to this event, since this was a City of Stratford initiative.

#### **Resolution Number AAC-01-13-08**

Moved By Judy Givens

Seconded By Judy Nafziger

THAT Perth County Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend that the City of Stratford Accessibility Committee take the leadership of the Community in Motion event along with the City of Stratford. Furthermore, THAT the City of Stratford Accessibility Advisory Committee and the City of Stratford assume all responsibilities for budgeting and finances for this event.

Carried.

### **6.5 International Plowing Match, September 17-21, 2013.**



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Julia Opie presented the Committee with some details about the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Plowing Match, which is to be hosted by Perth County, September 17-21, 2013. The AAC has been offered a booth at no cost in the County of Perth tent for the duration of the Match. As well, the AAC may sponsor a rest area in a specified location to allow for persons who need it to take a break and rest.

### **Resolution Number AAC-01-13-09**

Moved By Rhonda Ehgoetz

Seconded By Janice Klages

THAT Perth County Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend that the Accessibility Coordinator and members of the AAC help with a booth at the International Plowing Match, September 17-21, 2013, and will consider sponsoring a rest area.

Carried.

### **6.6 AAC Terms of Reference – Term of Appointments**

Julia Opie identified the need for clarification in the Terms of Reference – Term of Appointments – for the “Initial Term”, which is not identified. Discussion ensued, and it was decided to consider looking into the Terms of Appointments at the Lower Tiers and add this to the agenda for the next meeting.

### **6.6 Coordinator’s Report**

Julia Opie presented the Committee with updates on the following:

1. AAC Meetings/annum – we have asked for 10 meetings per annum in the budget, but this has not yet been approved by council. We should know by March.
2. Accessibility icons – The Communications Working Group will be addressing this. There are internationally recognized symbols which the County will adopt, and they will become Corporate Policy.
3. Disabilities Week – Julia took the County of Perth Accessibility banner (on the stand) to the Stratford Rotary Complex on December 3, 2012, and picked it up later that week.
4. Christel Ivanyshyn – Emergency Preparedness – Julia has confirmed with Christel Ivanyshyn, Community Emergency Management Coordinator for the County of Perth, that she will conduct a presentation on Emergency Preparedness at the February 26, 2013 meeting of the AAC.

### **Resolution Number AAC-01-13-10**

Moved By Rhonda Ehgoetz

Seconded By Janice Klages

THAT Perth County Accessibility Advisory Committee accept the Coordinator’s Report as information.

Carried.

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**7. CORRESPONDENCE –**

7.1 A letter was received by Julia Opie from AAC Member, Therese Brodhagen, which outlines her decision to withdraw from her position on the AAC due to health conditions.

Julia Opie has been directed to notify West Perth that this position should be advertised in the local paper.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

**8.1 Quorum at Meetings**

Julia Opie informed the Committee that clarification is needed on identifying “Quorum” within the Terms of Reference. Discussion on this will be deferred to the next meeting.

**9. CLOSED MEETING – no closed session**

**10. REPORTING OUT FROM CLOSED MEETING - none**

**11. NEXT MEETING**

**CHANGE from February 26 to Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 1:30PM** – Regular Meeting. Julia has been directed to check with all members to see whether we’ll be able to get quorum on this date, since a number of members are not available on the regularly scheduled date.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution Number AAC-01-13-11**

Moved By Judy Nafziger

Seconded By Janice Klages

THAT the meeting adjourn at 12:15 PM;

Carried.

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Dennis Manarey, Chairperson

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Julia Opie, Accessibility Coordinator