



**Perth County Accessibility Advisory Committee
Minutes**

**June 24, 2014, 1:30 PM
Perth East Council Chambers, 25 Mill Street East, Milverton**

Members Present: Chair, Janice Klages, Dennis Manarey, Judy Nafziger, Judy Givens, Ethel Sage, Mary McLagan, Shannon Palmer, Perth County Councillor Rhonda Ehgoetz

Members Absent: None.

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Klages called the meeting to order and verified quorum was present.

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution Number AAC-06-14-01

Moved By Judy Givens

Seconded By Dennis Manarey

THAT the agenda for June 24, 2014 be approved.

Carried.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST and general nature thereof

No disclosures made.

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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Resolution Number AAC-06-14-02

Moved By Shannon Palmer

Seconded By Ethel Sage

THAT the minutes of the May 27, 2014 meeting of the Perth County Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

Carried.

5. DELEGATIONS – no delegations



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6. REPORTS

6.0.1 Site Plan Guidelines Document - Update

Perth County Accessibility Guidelines Manual: Planner Stephen Cornwell is now adding a landscape plan, lighting and other guidelines to the Perth County Site Plan Guidelines Manual. The Manual is to be reviewed by the Perth County Planners on June 20th, 2014, then will be circulated to the Chief Building Officials and the Perth County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee for feedback.

Resolution Number AAC-06-14-03

Moved By Shannon Palmer

Seconded By Rhonda Ehgoetz

THAT the Perth County Accessibility Advisory Committee accepts this report as information.

Carried.

6.0.2 International Day of Persons with Disabilities - Brainstorming

The United Nations celebrates International Day of Persons with Disabilities each year on December 3rd, in order to commemorate the persons with disabilities who make up an estimated 15 per cent of the world's population.

The County of Perth has celebrated this day for several years in order to increase awareness of persons with disabilities in our communities and beyond. The Perth County Joint AAC would like to plan an event for December 3, 2014. There is \$1000 in the budget for this event.

Resolution Number AAC-06-14-04

Moved By Judy Nafziger

Seconded By Shannon Palmer

THAT the Perth County Accessibility Advisory Committee will research the Almost Famous Players Theatre group and the Sebringville Community Centre for availability on November 30th or December 7 in order to celebrate International day of Persons with Disabilities.

Carried.



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6.0.3 Accessible Sports Fields

At the last meeting of the Perth County Joint AAC, Shannon Palmer, member from Perth East, explained about the difficulties she had recently trying to reach the back baseball diamond in her wheelchair in order to watch her daughter play ball at the diamonds in Sebringville.

Perth South member Dennis Manarey contacted Perth South CAO and a meeting was arranged for June 17th with Perth East member Shannon Palmer regarding accessibility at the sports fields in St. Pauls.

It was determined that a stone dust path works well in a wheelchair, so Perth South is looking into adding more pathways to the sports fields in St. Pauls.

Resolution Number AAC-06-14-05

Moved By Shannon Palmer

Seconded By Dennis Manarey

THAT Perth County Accessibility Coordinator drafts a letter to the Lower Tiers and Athletic Associations within Perth County on behalf of the Accessibility Advisory Committee illustrating the process for creating accessible sports fields in Perth South.

Carried.

6.0.4 Coordinator's Report

1. Budget remaining for 2014

2. AODA Deadlines for 2014:

- a. Annual Status Report for 2013 – finally have all information, and have just about finished the report.
- b. Information & Communications Standard – deadline for training on Accessible Formats and Communication supports is January 1, 2015. Training to be rolled out Fall 2014 to selected County and Lower Tier employees. Reference Guide already created.

3. New Ontario Human Rights Commission Policy: June 18, 2014

The Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC) has just released a new [Policy on preventing discrimination based on mental health disabilities and addictions](#)



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This new (OHRC) policy will be reviewed and if required, referred to in the Perth County Corporate Accessibility Policy, and shared with the Lower Tiers.

4. Perth County Public Washrooms Map:

The Perth County Public Washrooms Map is going to be promoted in an upcoming Accessibility Directorate of Ontario newsletter. Also, while in Ottawa at the Accessibility Summit in July, Julia has arranged to meet with individuals from the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario to discuss the possibility of a Provincial Public Washrooms Map.

Then, while on holidays in Australia this summer, Julia will be meeting with the with two organizations that were involved in the creation of the Australian National Public Toilet Map (NPTM):

Resolution Number AAC-06-14-06

Moved By Shannon Palmer

Seconded By Mary McLagan

THAT Perth County Accessibility Advisory Committee accepts this report as information.

Carried.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE** – A Good Bye card was given to AAC Member Ethel Sage since she will be moving from Perth County into the City of Stratford this summer, so will no longer be eligible to be a member of the Perth County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee.
8. **CLOSED MEETING** – no closed session
9. **REPORTING OUT FROM CLOSED MEETING** – none
10. **NEXT MEETINGS**
The next meeting is to be held on September 23, 2014 at the Perth East Council Chambers, 25 Mill Street East, Milverton, ON at 1:30 p.m.
11. **ADJOURNMENT**
Resolution Number AAC-06-14-07
Moved By Judy Givens
Seconded By Dennis Manarey



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THAT the meeting adjourns at 3:00 PM;

Carried.

Janice Klages, Chairperson

Julia Opie, Accessibility Coordinator