

Accessibility Committee Meeting
June 24, 2019
Town Council Chambers

Present

Chair, Deputy Mayor D. MacInnis
Mayor L. Boucher
Councillor M. Farrell
G. Kell
D. McCallum
G. Mattie

Also Present

D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk
P. Dec, Planner
S. Scannell, Director, Community Development

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM.

Approval of Agenda

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Agenda with additions." Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

"It was Moved and Seconded to approve the Minutes of the May 27, 2019 Accessibility Committee meeting." Motion carried.

Roundtable introductions were done with Alec Dunphy.

Town Hall (Ramp)

S. Scannell noted that the proposed entry way into Town Hall and turning radius were discussed at the last meeting. He noted adjustments had been made and distributed and provided details from the plan. Brief discussion took place on the location of the button to open the door and the radius.

Discussion took place on the turning radius, with various members providing comment.

Update – Sandlot Ballfield Project

The Chair called on Councillor M. Farrell for comments on the project – cost \$490,000. Opening July 20. She provided details on additional accessible features of the ballfield.

She noted members of the Blue Jays will be in attendance for the grand opening. She encouraged those in attendance to volunteer.

Wolfville Accessibility Plan

The Chair noted he and the Mayor had the opportunity to travel of Wolfville, which participated in a pilot project for accessibility, and shared some of the details of the plan. It was noted Wolfville plans is for a three (3) year project.

Brief discussion took place on having J. Post attend a meeting of the Accessibility Committee and Joint Council.

"It was Moved and Seconded to recommend to Council to have staff come up with an Accessibility Plan similar to the plan created by the Town of Wolfville, as well as having a commitment to having the Accessibility Plan attached to the MPS when it is complete." Motion carried.

P. Dec noted that in the proposed MPS and LUB the Town has committed to meet required accessibility as legislated.

Correspondence; St. James United Church Social Justice Committee

The Chair noted that two (2) members of the St. James United Church Social Justice Committee (A. Camozzi and M. Ashby) made a presentation to Council and made suggestions, some of which will be the mandate of the Town. It was noted their main request being that the Town have an accessibility plan.

The Chair reviewed points raised in their follow-up correspondence.

Sydney Street Parking Lot

The Chair noted he had met G. Mattie last Thursday at the Sydney Street parking lot. G. Mattie shared his experience in attempting to park there. He noted there are two handicap spaces one of which is only regular size, and the other larger, and stated G. Mattie ended up parking in a spot where he actually shouldn't have been.

The Chair thanked G. Mattie for his observances.

Downtown Accessible Parking

Mayor L. Boucher noted the number of accessible parking lots was brought up through the presentation, and it was noted that the Town will have someone have a look at the existing spaces and determine if they are adequate and their locations.

G. Mattie provided comment, and it was noted most parking spaces need to be located at the end of a block.

D. McCallum questioned whether information as to the location of accessible parking is on the website. It was generally agreed that this would be a good idea.

Brief discussion took place on accessible parking.

Date of Next Meeting

The Chair suggested perhaps the Committee meet next when J. Post is in town.

It was generally agreed that S. Scannell, G. Mattie and G. Kell meet to chalk out the radius for the ramp tomorrow at 1:30 PM.

At 2:10 PM the meeting was adjourned.