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**Minutes of the Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee Meeting
March 6th, 2024
6:30 PM
Council Chambers – Town Hall**

Committee and Staff Attendance

Committee Members Present:

Tom Burnette, Councillor
Lynn Cloutier, Councillor
Dave Furgoch, Committee Member
Tina MacLaren, Committee Member
Sarah Tait, Committee Member

Town Staff Present:

Robin Paquette, CAO
Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk
Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation
Oliver Jacob, CSC

Committee Members Absent:

Amanda Harris, Committee Member
Amanda Deschamps, Committee Member

1. Call to Order

Robin Paquette, CAO, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and welcomed those present.

a) Introduction of Members

All committee members introduced themselves, shared their background and noted their vision for participation in the Town's Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee.

b) Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Following a call for interest, the following motions to appoint committee presiding officers were entertained by the committee:

Resolution Number 001-24
Moved by Sarah Tait
Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That the Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee appoint Tina MacLaren to serve as its Committee Chair for the 2022-2026 term of Council or until their successor is appointed.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 002-24
Moved by Tom Burnette
Seconded by Sarah Tait

That the Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee appoint Lynn Cloutier to serve as its Committee Vice Chair for the 2022-2026 term of Council or until their successor is appointed.

Resolution Carried

2. Roll Call

The roll was called, with all Members of the Committee being present.

3. Land Acknowledgment

Chair Tina MacLaren asked everyone to take a moment to acknowledge and show respect for the Indigenous Peoples as traditional stewards of the land we operate on, by stating:

“I would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we work and gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Anishinaabe People. This Algonquin Nation have lived on this land for thousands of years, long before the arrival of the European settlers, and we are grateful to have the opportunity to be present in this territory.”

4. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution Number 003-24
Moved by Sarah Tait
Seconded by Tom Burnette

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee Meeting dated Wednesday, March 6th, 2024 be adopted.

Resolution Carried

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

6. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

None

7. Presentations/ Delegations

a) Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk, provided a PowerPoint Presentation and responded to questions.

Discussion ensued amongst Committee Members with the following being a summary of the comments noted:

- The last Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting was in May 2022, prior to the most recent Municipal Election.

b) Accessibility Projects with Parks and Recreation

Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation, provided a PowerPoint Presentation and responded to questions.

Discussion ensued amongst Committee Members with the following being a summary of the comments noted:

- The wood fibre base under swings and play structures is not accessible for wheelchairs to be maneuvered through. As there are accessible swings installed in various parks, is it possible to install some form of an AccessMat (like at the beach) up to and under the accessible swings, to allow better access?
- Is it possible to have some form of seating in or near one of the water features of the new splash pad and the one at Robert Simpson Park, so that those in a wheelchair can be placed somewhere to sit, and not get their wheelchair wet?
 - The Director of Recreation noted he would look into this as part of the plans for the new splash pad, however he would also look at the option of having the Access Chair available to sign out for use at the Splash Pad at Robert Simpson Park, and potentially having another available at the Nick Smith Centre for sign out, for the new splash pad to be installed at Fairview Park. Appropriate signage would need to be installed to make this known that it is available for use if requested.
- Change rooms at the Nick Smith Centre will be permitted to be used for the new splash pad at Fairview Park.
- Day dock slips at the Marina are still available, and individuals can speak to Marina staff to rent out one of these slips.
- The AccessMat at Robert Simpson Park stays out all summer.
- The WaterWheels chair for accessing the water is stored at Robert Simpson Park and individuals need to speak to a lifeguard to gain access.
 - Installation of more signage of letting people know of this availability was discussed.
- Challenger Baseball program is a great new initiative, and Committee Members noted they would share this information with their contacts.
- The new plans for Robert Simpson Park include reconfiguration that incorporates accessible washroom / change room facilities.

c) Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk, provided a verbal report on the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, noting that the plan has been provided to Committee Members for their review. Kaila also noted that at the next meeting, we will review the Plan and the outstanding Further Action Items, as well as look at setting dates for tours of facilities by Committee Members.

Discussion ensued amongst Committee Members with the following being a summary of the comments noted:

- Tactile Walking Surface Indicators (TWSIs) have been installed at all new crossing areas in Town, and any that have been redeveloped. They will continue to be installed as more redevelopment/ new development takes place.

d) Age Friendly Community Planning

Robin Paquette, CAO, provided a PowerPoint Presentation and responded to questions.

Discussion ensued amongst Committee Members with the following being a summary of the comments noted:

- The Greater Arnprior Seniors Council website is a great resource for individuals and is still active with senior specific resources:
www.agefriendlyarnprior.ca

8. Matters Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

9. Staff Reports

None

10. New Business

a) Roundtable Discussion

Robin Paquette, CAO, shared that this item is an opportunity to share any questions, comments, thoughts and perspectives, with the following being a summary of the discussion topics that took place:

- Is there a possibility for a crosswalk to be installed at the intersection of Madawaska Blvd. and McNab Street?
 - This is a County of Renfrew road and there have been discussions surrounding this. The County is undertaking a Transportation Master Plan over the next couple years and this area is included for review and possible action.

- When the new Legion Park is opened with the accessible rubberized base, the Town should invite some children with accessibility needs to come a try out the new features and the base.

11. Adjournment

Resolution Number 004-24

Moved by Sarah Tait

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That the Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee adjourn at 8:13 PM.

Resolution Carried