

Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

Training Room/EOC Pembroke Fire Hall
Pembroke, Ontario
April 26, 2019
11:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Present:

Councillor Reavie, Chair
Nadja Immel
Don Peever

Guests:

Marielle McLaughlin, Capital Works Supervisor
Gerry Frketich, Pembroke White Cane Club

Also Present:

Heidi Martin, Recording Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 11:34 a.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interests declared.

3. Approval/Amendment of Meeting Agenda

The Chair recommended that the agenda be amended to allow the two guests to present their information before the formal business of the meeting.

Motion:

Moved by Don Peever

Seconded by Nadja Immel

That the agenda of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of April 26, 2019 be amended so that agenda item 6 a. and agenda item 7 a are first on the agenda, to be followed by the other items.

Carried

4. Presentation

The Chair introduced Mr. Gerry Frketich, Vice President of the Pembroke White Cane Club who explained the difference between the Canadian Council of the Blind and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind organizations. He explained that the Pembroke White Cane Club is a small chapter of the Canadian Council of the Blind that provide moral support, social interaction, access to sporting events and advocacy to its members. Mr. Frketich indicated that he had previously contacted the City with his

concerns as the City lacked audible traffic signals especially on the Pembroke Street corridor. A discussion was held and the following intersections were noted to be very busy and very difficult to cross:

- Pembroke Street East/Howard Street
- Pembroke Street East/McKay Street
- McKay Street/Alfred and Mary Street
- Pembroke Street East/Angus Campbell Drive

The Chair on behalf of the Committee thanked Mr. Frketich and encouraged him to consider joining the City of Pembroke's Accessibility Advisory Committee.

5. New Business

a. City Sidewalks

The Chair introduced Ms. McLaughlin, City of Pembroke's Capital Works Supervisor who was asked to speak to Committee following concerns raised at the last meeting in regards to City Sidewalks. Ms. McLaughlin noted that the crosswalk at the Pembroke Street East/Elizabeth Street location is rather steep and requires better winter clearing activities. She explained that the Operations Department has been made aware of the concern and will make the necessary corrections. A comment was made that the cross walk on Pembroke Street West near the Sisters of St. Joseph also has poor snow maintenance and cannot be used during the winter months.

The second crosswalk Ms. McLaughlin reviewed was at the Pembroke Street West/Riverside Drive intersection, which was noted to have improper curbs, which will now be removed and replaced with a drop curb.

Ms. McLaughlin reviewed some of the 2019 capital projects, which consist of the following:

- Tactile Walking Surface Indicators (TWSIs) are now being installed at all new intersections or where major improvements are being conducted
- Operations Department Building Entrance
- Kiwanis Field House Access to the Second Floor
- Alfred Street East Sidewalk
- Cross walk at Angus Campbell Drive/Alfred Street East intersection
- Everett Street Paved shoulder between Normal Street and Bennett Street
- Pembroke Street West Sidewalk between Crandall Street and Jeanne-Lajoie School
- Victoria Street reconstruction – new TWSIs are being installed, the Pembroke Library will receive new ramping. Victoria Street between Renfrew Street and Isabella Street will be stopped up and closed to allow accessible parking at Victoria Hall.

The Chair on behalf of the Committee thanked Ms. McLaughlin for a very interesting presentation.

6. 2019 Accessibility Advisory Goals

Committee discussed possible 2019 goals with the following goals noted:

1. Tour sidewalks
 - July/August – Downtown Pembroke Street Corridor
2. Tour Pembroke Memorial Centre – next meeting
3. Tour Crosswalks
 - Angus Campbell Drive/Alfred Street East
 - Maple Avenue
 - Bell Street (Fellows High School)
 - Mary Street/Murray Street
 - Pembroke Street West/Sisters of St. Joseph's

7. Tour of Pembroke Fire Hall

Following the meeting, Committee members toured the Pembroke Fire Hall.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on May 23, 2019 in the Board Room at the Pembroke Memorial Centre (PMC) followed by a tour of the PMC.

9. Adjournment

Motion:

Moved by Don Peever

Seconded by Nadja Immel

That the April 26, 2019 meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee adjourn at 12:30 p.m.

Carried