

Accessibility Advisory Committee

April 10, 2024

2:00-4:00 p.m.

In Person and Via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 880 3793 1737

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Agenda

1. Meeting called to order

2. Chairs comments

3. Approval of Minutes – AAC meeting March 13, 2024

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

5. New Business

5.1. Presentation on Emergency Management by Emergency Management Coordinator, Lauren Perry

5.2. [Parks and Rec Master Plan](#) is open for feedback

5.3. Youth water wheelchair at Plaza

6. Old Business

6.1. Stop Gap ramp funding application

6.2. Suggestions for new Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (MYAP)

7. Barrier Removal Updates

7.1. Barrier free parking violations

8. Site plan Sub Committee Report – none

9. Adjournment

Next Meeting May 8, 2024 In person and Via Zoom 2:00 – 4:00



Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: March 13, 2024
2:00-4:00 p.m.
In Person & Via Zoom

Minutes

In Attendance: Councillor Lisa Vezeau Allen, Councillor Sandra Hollingsworth, Diane Morrell, Diana Gerhart, Craig Kohler, Derrick Lavallee, Carol Magnan, Wayne Scharfenberg, Kerri Tucket

Regrets: Jordan Derochie, Dree Labonte, Don McConnell, Peter Tonazzo

Guests: Jeffrey King – Legal

Recorder: Stephanie Perri – Planning

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2. Chairs Comments

3. Approval of Minutes – AAC meeting February 14, 2024

Moved by: C. Kohler

Seconded by: K. Tucket

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4. Conflict of Interest

none

5. New Business

5.1 Easter Seals Presentation – Liza Stortini, Community Engagement Officer

- Not for profit organization with limited support, now independent from Rotary
- 40 families in SSM
- Access 2 cards – Diane may be able to help implement at City facilities
- AAC questions:
 - How much of the proceeds remain in SSM?
 - How many selected to attend camp from SSM/Northern Ontario
 - Ages for camp?
 - Is there an possibility to sponsor a specific child?
- Accessible events for fundraising
 - Accessible sporting event
 - Christmas event – crafts, music, etc.
- Connect with Chamber of Commerce (Business community)
- Tourism fund

- May 29 – Red Shirt Day

5.2 Parks Update – Accessibility Coordinator on behalf of Manager of Recreation and Culture

- Parks Redevelopment
- 2 parks identified – Parkland and Westwood
- 2023 allotment not spent and moved to reserves – \$10,000 for benches and \$10,000 for equipment, combine with this year’s allotment
- We Go Round – inclusive merry go round

Recommend Council approve the use of Barrier Removal Reserves of \$10,000 for the purchase of accessible park equipment at Parkland and Westwood Parks and \$10,000 for the purchase of benches for use at Manzo Park Splash pad and other areas in the park.

Moved by: C. Kohler

Seconded by: K. Tucket

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5.3 Process for use of Splash Pad Youth Water Wheelchair

- Youth water wheelchair at all splash pads
- Process to be posted on wall for how to access
- Register to receive code (stored in accessible change room) – currently in draft, open to feedback
- Video to spread word (Tessa/Zoe)
- Risk management – issue re: safety – reach out to insurance provider

5.4 SSM Airport Site Visit

- New legislation – Accessible Canada Act
- Week of April 1 – Diane to send email

2. Old Business

- Accessibility Coordinator Annual Status Report
 - Draft sent out, send questions/comments to Diane
 - Will be heard by Council in April

6. Barrier Removal Updates

7.1 Barrier Free Parking violation update

- Campaign – “Respect the Space”
- Changing signage for access aisle
- There has been success in bringing matters to court/fining

7. Additional Remarks

World Autism Day – April 2, 2024

Flag raising

Celebrate the Spectrum

Autismontario.org

8. Adjourn – 3:53 p.m.

Next meeting **Wednesday, April 10, 2024** in person & Via Zoom 2:00 – 4:00

City of Sault Ste. Marie Emergency Management

Lauren Perry, Emergency Management Coordinator



Agenda

Levels of Responsibility

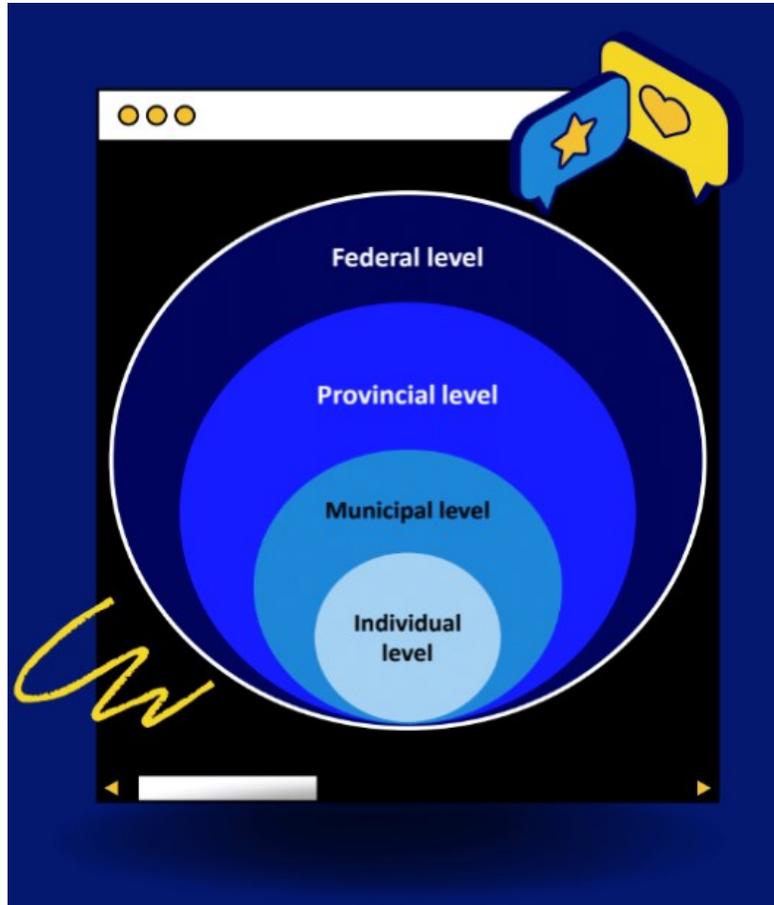
Snapshot of Past Emergencies in SSM

Municipal Supports

Know the Risks

Personal Preparedness

Levels of Responsibility



- Be Informed

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Individual



If this level is overwhelmed, it's called a crisis.



Missing Wallet



Lost Pet



Injuries

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Municipal



If this level is overwhelmed, it's called an emergency.



Flooding



Large Fires



Intense Storms



Pandemic



Wildland Fire



Evacuation

Emergencies Happen



2003 Blackout



2013 Flooding



2014 Hazardous Materials



2014 Boil Water Advisory



2019 Significant Snow Event



2019 Flooding



2019 Winter Power Outage



2020-2021 COVID-19



2021 Northern Evacuations



2022 Oil Spill



2023 Wildfire Smoke

Risks in our Community

Flood

- [How can you prepare for a flood](#)

Power Outage

- How can you prepare for an outage?

Blizzards, freezing rain, ice storms and extreme cold

- [How to prepare for a winter storm](#)

Extreme heat

- [How to prepare for a winter storm](#)

Know the Risks

Top Risks in Sault Ste. Marie	Protective Actions
Human Health Emergency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stay home as often as possible• Wear a mask in any indoor public place that is open• Wash your hands frequently and avoid touching your face• Talk to a healthcare professional about getting appropriate vaccinations
Flooding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduce the potential for flood damage by preparing your home (ie. raise furnace off the ground; store valuables at higher ground; keep eaves troughs and downspouts clear of debris and ensure they are in place to move water away from your home, etc.)• If you know flooding will occur, shut off the electricity at the panel• Never cross a flooded area on foot or in car
Power Outages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Get power surge bars to protect electronics and equipment• In the winter, keep doors and drapes closed and congregate in one room• Keep out of the fridge and freezer as much as possible – a fully loaded freezer can keep food frozen for 2 days
Extreme Cold	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stay indoors as much as possible• If you must venture outdoors, dress in warm layers and ensure exposed areas are covered
Hazardous Material Release	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen to local radio stations or check local online news sites for the latest emergency information• You may be asked to evacuate the area or shelter-in-place

City of SSM Supports

- Mobilization of Community Support Centres
 - Device charging; washrooms/ showers; snacks and hydration
 - If required, temporary emergency accommodations
- Wellness checks (VPR)
- Psychosocial supports
- Water distribution
- Emergency food supports
- Regular communications: updates and guidance



Personal Preparedness

#1: Have Supplies



#2: Make a Plan



#3: Know where to go for Emergency Information



Step #1: Have Supplies



Flashlight & Batteries



Bottled Water



Canned Food



Can Opener



Money



Extra Keys



Phone Charger



First Aid Kit



Candles



Matches



Copies of Important Documents



Extra Clothes



Cards/Toys/Games



Radio



Toothbrush & toothpaste



Soap

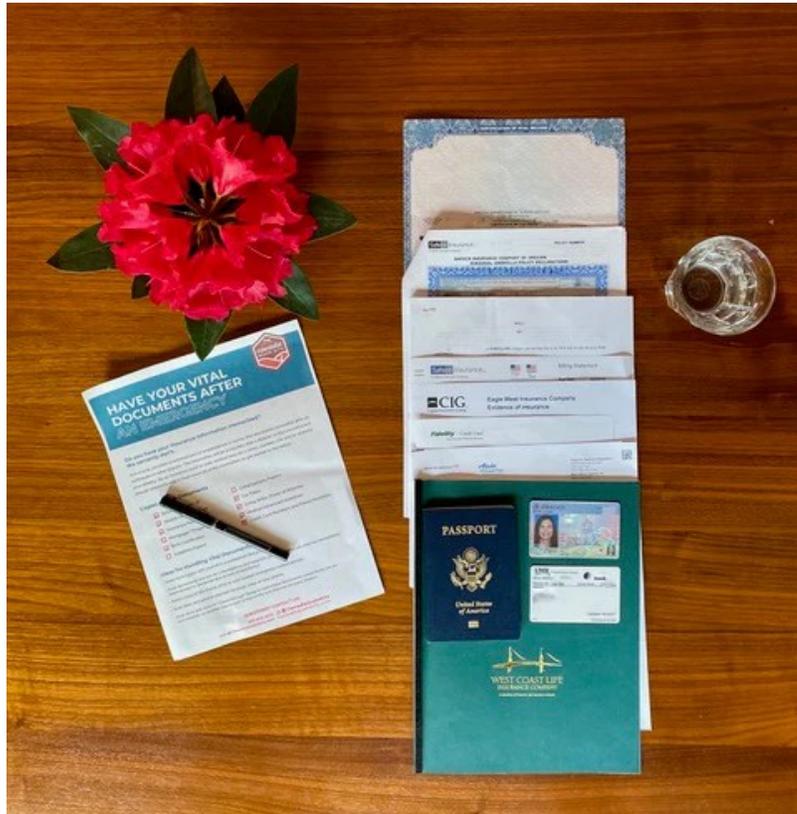


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Special Considerations

A little more on documents



- Drivers license
- Health Card
- Insurance (house, auto, rental, life)
- Mortgage
- Birth Certificates
- Will, Power of Attorney
- Credit Card Numbers
- Bank Account Numbers

Where to Keep an Emergency Kit



At Home 



In Your Car 



Step #2: Make an Emergency Plan



communication



transportation



essential care

Identify Your Support Needs



Make a plan for how you will manage your support needs in emergencies

Scenario 1

What if I had to shelter- in- place for up to 7 days or longer without access to the services and supports I rely on?

Scenario 2

What if I had to evacuate to a place of safety? Where would I go? How would I manage my health and well-being?

Preparedness looks different for everyone

Think about kids



Does anyone have special needs



Consider your pets



Step #4: Stay Informed



The City of Sault Ste. Marie will communicate emergency information via:



Radio

100.5 FM
104.3 FM



Online

www.saultstemarie.ca
www.sootoday.com
www.saultstar.com
www.saultonline.com

@SaultFire
@CitySSM



Mobile 
Alert Ready



Television

CBC (Channel 6)
CTV (Channel 11)
Global (Channel 3)
City (Channel 80)
TFO (French – Channel 4)

Communication

- How do I communicate with others?
- How do I go about getting information?
- Who helps me?
- What assistive devices/technologies do I use to communicate?
- What device do I use to call people or get information from others? Landline, mobile, computer, other device.
- Who/what sources do I trust to give me helpful information?

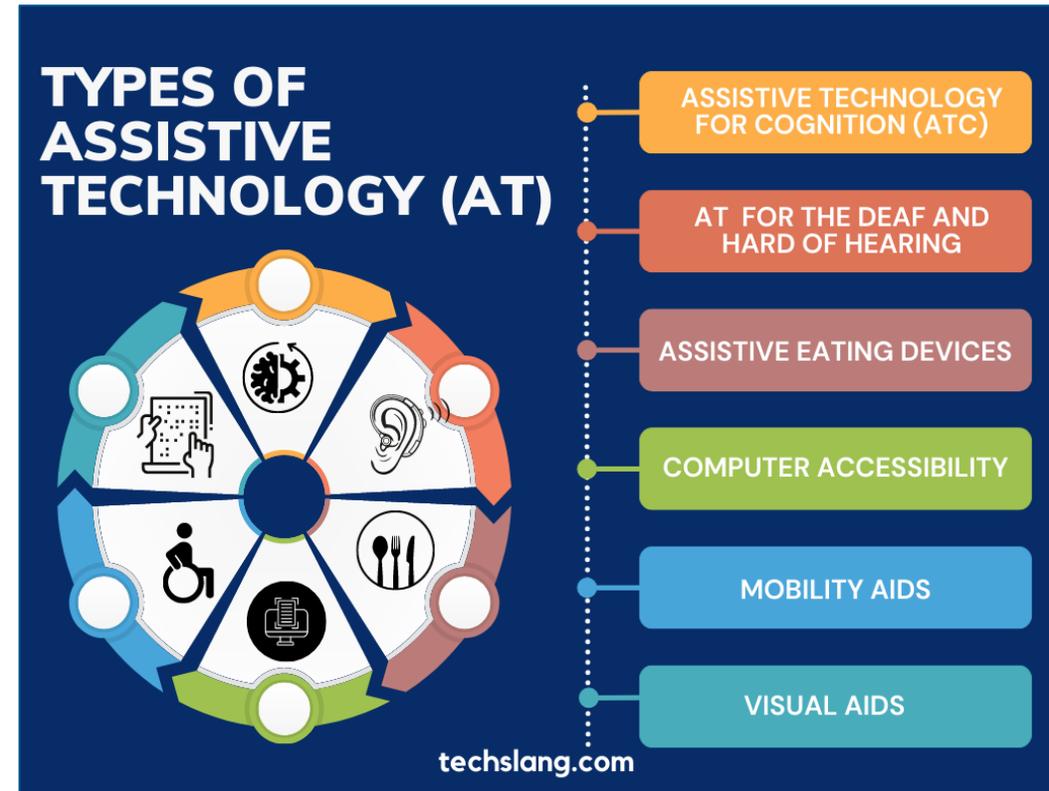


Management of Health

- Medical management considerations include medicines, nutritional and health treatment needs.
- Ensure you have a 3-day supply(at a minimum) of medication and medical supplies.
- Have a list of your prescriptions.
- If you receive medical treatment from a provider, ask them what you should do in the case of an emergency.
- Where do I keep my health information? (e.g., identification, health records)
- What are my health conditions/nutrition needs?
- How do I manage and monitor my health/medical/ treatment?
- What power sources are needed to operate equipment?
- Who helps me?
- Where do I get my supplies?
- How do I manage my supplies?

Assistive Technology

- What assistive devices, technology, or equipment do I use?
- What supplies do I always have on hand?
- What power sources are needed to operate equipment?
- What is required to maintain the equipment?
- Who helps me?
- How do I direct my care?



Personal Support

The assistance received from another person for personal care or support with activities of daily living. It can include both practical and emotional support that enables you to do the things you want, need or have to do every day.

- Who helps me with my self-care/activities of daily living?
- Are they formal/paid provider(s) or informal/unpaid support?
- What do they help with?
- When do they help?
- How do I organize my personal care?
- How do I manage if/when they are unavailable?

Pets and Assistance Animals

- What care does my service animal need?
- Who helps me to provide that care?
- Where do I get supplies for my animal?
- How do I organise my animal care?
- Key commands for my service animal are: _____

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- Others should be aware about: _____
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Transportation

- Consider whether you may need transportation support if asked to evacuate.
- How do I get to my activities in the community?
- Who helps me?
- How do I organize my transportation?
- Where do I need to go? (e.g., work, leisure, volunteering, shopping, etc.)

Living Situation

- Where do you live (e.g., urban, suburban, rural)?
- Do you live alone?
- If you are in a high-rise:
 - Know the location of emergency exits
 - Advise your building manager/superintendent of your individual needs and/or requirements during an emergency
 - Familiarize yourself with your building evacuation plan
 - Have your building management's contact info
- My water source is:
- My heating source is:
- I have a functioning smoke alarm?: Yes or No
- I have a household evacuation plan?: Yes or no
- I spend most of my time in:
- How many exits do I have in my property?
- I have a place to go in event of evacuation?
- I have people to stay with?
- I have knowledge of the local emergency centre/shelter in my area?

Social Connections and Personal Supports

- Think of your personal (family, friend and neighbour) and professional (work, service provider) networks.
- They represent people who can help and for whom you should have contact information.
- If you receive assistance for personal care or support activities, it is important to understand their emergency plans.
- Who is in my circles of support?
- Who do I count on?
- Who counts on me?
- What type of support do I give them?
- What type of support do they give me?
- What is the nature of the relationship?
 - How long have I known them?
 - How often do we see each other?
 - Do they live near or far?
 - Direction of support – I help them, they help me, both
 - Closeness/connectedness (emotional)
 - Are you/they judgmental or disapproving?
 - Are you/they supportive or encouraging?
- Where can I go if I ever need support or a place to stay?

Questions?

Thank you!



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