



Accessibility Advisory Committee Agenda

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Date: February 14, 2023
2:00-4:00 p.m.
In Person and Via Zoom

- 1. Meeting called to order**
- 2. Chairs comments**
- 3. Approval of Minutes** – AAC meeting January 17, 2023
- 4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**
- 5. New Business**
 - 5.1. Sinclair Field accessibility update; Soo Minor Baseball; Pat Henderson
 - 5.2. Queen Street Reconstruction presentation; Rick Talvitie
- 6. Old Business**
 - 6.1. Curb cuts/sidewalk repairs for accessibility
- 7. Barrier Removal Updates**
 - 7.1. Request for Barrier Removal reserves for purchase of adult change table for Sinclair Field Universal Washroom
 - 7.2. Barrier free parking violation update
- 8. Site plan Sub Committee Report** – none
- 9. Adjournment**

Next Meeting March 13, 2024 In person and Via Zoom 2:00 – 4:00



Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: January 17, 2024

2:00-4:00 p.m.

In Person & Via Zoom

Minutes

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

Regrets: Dree Labonte

Guests: Peter Tonazzo – Planning, - Planning

Recorder: Stephanie Perri – Planning

1. Meeting called to order 2:11 p.m.

2. Chairs Comments

3. Election of Chair and Site Plan Positions

Chair Person

Don McConnell nominated by D. Gerhart

Moved by: D. Gerhart

Seconded by: C. Magnan

Motion to close nominations

Moved by: C. Kohler

Seconded by: S. Hollingsworth

All in favour

CARRIED

Vice Chair Person

Derrick Lavallee nominated by D. McConnell

Moved by: D. McConnell

Seconded by: K. Tucket

Motion to close nominations

Moved by: C. Kohler

Seconded by: S. Hollingsworth

All in favour
CARRIED

Chair - Site Plan Sub-committee

Derrick Lavallee nominated by D. McConnell

Moved by: D. McConnell

Seconded by: K. Tucket

Motion to close nominations

Moved by: C. Kohler

Seconded by: S. Hollingsworth

All in favour
CARRIED

4. Approval of Minutes – AAC meeting November 8, 2023

Moved by: D. Lavallee

Seconded by: C. Kohler

CARRIED

5. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts declared.

6. Old Business

6.1 New Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (MYAP)

- Final year of current plan
- Committee members invited to participate and share ideas

7. New Business

7.1 Waterfront Design Plan – Presentation by Nick Onody, Travis Anderson, Alana Kinopic

- Draft visioning document
- Committee invited to send notes & comments back
- Focus on safety, connections, pathways, parks & rec space, views, habitats, design with climate change in mind, arts & culture & entertainment
- Precedents include: Promenade de Champlain (Quebec)

7.2 VPR Presentation – Shannon Maki

- Provides necessary registrant information to emergency services in case of emergencies (fire, flood, power outages, etc.)
- People are not always at home – trying to find a solution to accommodate this
- VPR Coordinator reaches out to registrants by mail/phone every 6 months in order to keep list current
- Hoping to expand to include transient/homeless population
- info@soovpr.com

8. Adjourn – 4:04 p.m.

Next meeting **Wednesday, February 14, 2024** in person & Via Zoom 2:00 – 4:00

Soo Minor Baseball Association: Accessibility Update



FEBRUARY 2024 – PAT HENDERSON

Soo Minor Baseball Association: Background

Est. 1993 at current site

Soo Minor Baseball Association (“SMBA”) – not for profit organization offering youth baseball

Licence of occupation with the City of Sault Ste. Marie

SMBA has the sole responsibility of maintaining the fields & running the leagues

Moving towards accessibility for all

SMBA is run by volunteers & relies heavily on community partners to operate

of amenities do not meet current accessibility standards

SMBA has connected with local City officials to seek accessibility solutions

Resolution passed by City Council

City council recently passed a resolution re: SMBA accessibility

Working group was formed to review the resolution

Working group consists of staff from Community Services, Planning, Accessibility, Parks, as well as SMBA representatives

Resolution - Analysis

The working group meets regularly to plan next steps

Priority items include:

1. Paving of barrier-free parking spaces and providing access to fields
2. Building upgrades: e.g. enhancing the current washrooms
3. Creating a “challenger baseball field”

Goals moving forward

SMBA has successfully attracted & hosted numerous Provincial Baseball competitions in our community

Accessibility enhancements strengthen SMBA's complex as a marquee location for baseball events

Economic benefits (attract many teams/families to the Soo for events)

Funding is necessary

Staged approach to funding:

1. Apply to the Tourism Development Fund (TDF)

- allows for initial up-front funding for SMBA to apply for the following funding:

NOFC; FEDNOR; Enabling Accessibility Grant; Inclusive Community Grant; Ontario Trillium Foundation.

2. Jays Care Foundation

- making a Challenger Baseball field: ensures every athlete can play in a fun/safe environment

Other Key Considerations

1. Financial

- There is no impact to Operating Budget at this time

2. Strategic Plan/Policy Impact

- The accessibility recommendations support the Community Strategic Plan for 2021-2024
- Supports: service delivery; infrastructure; fiscal responsibility; social and economic activity; stakeholder consultation and communication

Recommendation

Therefore, it is recommended that Council take the following action:

- Recommended that the report of the Director of Community Services dated February 20, 2024, concerning the Accessible Baseball Fields in Sault Ste. Marie be received.

Sinclair Park

