

**The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie**  
**Accessibility Advisory Committee**  
**Agenda, May 13, 2026, 2:00 – 4:00 pm**  
**Northern Community Centre – Steelton Room**

[Link to Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 836 2497 2816

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**1. Meeting called to order**

1.1. Land Acknowledgement: I acknowledge, with respect, that we are in Robinson-Huron Treaty territory, that the land on which we are gathered is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe and known as Bawating. Bawating is the home of Garden River First Nation, Batchewana First Nation and the Historic Sault Ste. Marie Métis Council.

1.2. Member introductions

## **2. Chair's comments**

## **3. Approval of Minutes**

3.1. March 18, 2026

## **4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

## **5. New Business**

5.1. Community member request to address AAC – Jim Mills

5.2. East Street reconstruction - Maggie McAuley, Manager of Design & Transportation Engineering

5.3. AccessAbility Awareness Week update

5.3.1. Ottawa's [AccessAbility day registration form](#) Registration deadline Friday, May 22

5.3.2. Ministry for Senior's and Accessibility Forum [AAC Forum Registration Form](#) Registration Deadline May 27

## **6. Old Business**

6.1. EASE Grant application letter of support

6.2. Barrier Removal Assessment Group update

6.3. Intersection discussion from April AAC update

6.3.1. [Report Traffic Concerns](#)

## **7. Barrier Removal Updates**

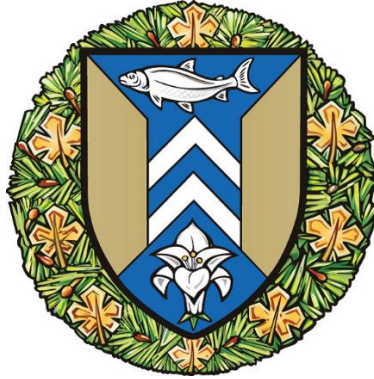
7.1. None

## **8. Site Plan Sub-Committee Report**

8.1. None

## **9. Adjournment**

Next meeting June 10, 2026, in-person and via Zoom, 2:00 to 4:00 pm



## **The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie**

### **Accessibility Advisory Committee**

#### **Minutes, April 15, 2026**

Meetings may be viewed on the [City's YouTube Channel](#)

Present: Carol Magnan, Don McConnell, Craig Kohler, Kerri Tuckett, Derrick Lavallee, Councillor Sandra Hollingsworth, Councillor Lisa Vezeau-Allen

Regrets: Dan Perri, Peter Tonazzo, Diana Gerhart, Wayne Scharfenberg, Leslie Sawchyn (Interpreter)

Officials: Diane Morrell, Samir Thapa

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#### **2. Chair's Comments**

2.1. Leslie Sawchyn (Interpreter) is away this month

#### **3. Approval of Minutes – March 18, 2026**

Moved by: Craig Kohler  
Seconded by: Kerri Tuckett  
All in favor

#### **4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

4.1. None

#### **5. New Business**

5.1. Informational video - [Retinitis Pigmentosa](#)

5.1.1. Anyone with questions contact Carol Magnan

5.2. AAC letter of support request – Enhancing Access to Spaces for Everyone (EASE) Grant

5.2.1. Diane (AAC) and Virginia (Recreation) are collaborating on this grant.

5.2.2. The application deadline is the first week of May.

5.2.3. The grant amount is \$60,000

5.2.4. Several projects have been identified and may be included in the application

5.2.5. Bellevue Park is one of the priority areas requiring improved accessibility (Splash pad)

5.2.5.1. Proposing a path from the bus stop to the splash pad on Queen

5.2.5.2. Additional ideas include accessible grass mats, accessible tables and upgrades to washroom facilities

5.2.5.3. High color contrast trailhead signage. Information regarding the trail (length, type of surface, average and minimum width of trail, average and maximum running slope, cross slope and the location of amenities)

5.2.5.4. Councilor Hollingsworth suggested increased signage with contact phone for maintenance

5.3. Veteran's walkway project

5.3.1. **Resolution:** The City continues existing practice using only OPSS for sidewalks without any alterations.

Moved by: Councilor Lisa Vezeau-Allen  
Seconded by: Kerri Tuckett  
All in favor

5.4. Kerri Tuckett raised concern that the intersection at Boundary Rd and Queen St. E is unsafe. Requested consideration of a crosswalk or a three-way stop

5.4.1. Councilor Hollingsworth will bring this matter to Speed Task Force meeting

## **6. Old Business**

6.1. None

## **7. Barrier Removal Updates**

7.1. Report to Council March 23, Accessible Document Training was approved.

7.1.1. Draft report of RFP has been submitted to Purchasing and looking forward to next step

7.1.2. Training is expected to take place after the summer holidays

7.2. Barrier Removal Assessment Group meeting

7.2.1. Will schedule the meeting soon

## **8. Site Plan Sub-Committee Report**

8.1. 587 Second Line West – Residential buildings

8.1.1. Applicant for 3 more apartment buildings

8.1.2. Report was sent to committee members by email

## **9. Adjournment**

Next meeting May 13, 2026 In-person and via Zoom, 2:00 to 4:00 pm



# SAULT STE. MARIE

April 23, 2026

Re: Letter of support for application to Enhancing Access to Spaces For Everyone (EASE) Grant

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To whom it may concern,

As Chairperson for the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the City of Sault Ste. Marie, I am pleased to confirm our support for the proposed Bellevue Park accessibility improvements. Our Committee's work is guided by the four core principles of **dignity, independence, integration, and equality of opportunity**.

The planned accessibility updates at Bellevue Park include a pathway to link amenities, grass mats, accessible tables with shade, a communications board, washroom upgrades including a youth change table, and high colour contrast trailhead signage. These improvements are consistent with and supportive of our commitment to prevent, identify and remove barriers for people with disabilities.

As outlined in the City of Sault Ste. Marie Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, we strive to become a more accessible and inclusive community by continually working with our community partners to remove barriers and fulfill our obligations under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and implementation of the Design of Public Spaces Standard. Approval of the requested Rick Hansen RBC grant will greatly assist with fulfilling this objective.

Regards,

Don McConnell  
Chairperson, Accessibility Advisory Committee  
Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie

Diane Morrell  
Accessibility Coordinator  
Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie