

A meeting of the **Mississippi Mills Accessibility Advisory Committee** was held on **Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.** at the Municipal Office.

**PRESENT:**

Committee: Councillor Jill McCubbin, Chair  
Araina Clark  
Myrna Blair  
Paul Crozier

Staff/Others: Jennifer Russell, Acting Deputy Clerk

Regrets: Betty Preston  
Jim Lowry

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Councillor McCubbin called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by Araina Clark  
Seconded by Myrna Blair**

**THAT** the agenda be accepted as amended, with the addition of Item I.1 OVRT in Almonte and item I.2 OVRT Accessibility Compliance.

**CARRIED**

**B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None

**C. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / TOURS**

None

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Moved by Myrna Blair  
Seconded by Araina Clark**

**THAT** the minutes dated September 11, 2018 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**E. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES**

None

**F. ROUND TABLE**

Paul - OVRT trail can be intimidating for persons with disabilities when confronted by motorized vehicles.

- Information on Accessibility can be found on the municipality's website using the following link:

<https://www.mississippimills.ca/en/live/accessibility.asp>

Araina - "Stop-gap" ramps are a good option for downtown businesses with curbs/steps and limited accessibility.

## **G. REPORTS**

### 1. Draft Annual Report 2018

The Committee reviewed and approved the 2018 annual accessibility report. The Committee discussed newly identified barriers and completed items which include:

- Municipal Office
  - Council Chambers microphone and sound system
  - Public washroom renovation
- Almonte Public Library Branch
  - Curb renovation with ramp
  - New accessible computer tables
  - Washroom renovation
- Pakenham Public Library Branch
  - Large renovation to update many accessibility barriers
- Almonte Old Town Hall
  - Washroom accessories relocated
  - Benches available inside lobby
  - Automated doors at access to second floor
- Almonte Community Centre
  - Fire exit step fixed in curling lounge
  - Washroom accessories relocated
  - Rink entrance threshold fixed
  - Change room showers made accessible
  - Benches available in lobby
  - Automatic doors installed leading to ice service

**Moved by Araina Clark**

**Seconded by Councillor McCubbin**

**THAT** the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) recommends Council accept the 2018 Annual Accessibility Report.

**CARRIED – MOTION PREPARED**

## **H. INFORMATION / CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **I. OTHER/NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. OVRT in Almonte

The Committee discussed the difference between the size of gravel and lack of stone dust on the Almonte portion of the OVRT compared to the gravel and stone dust on the Pakenham OVRT portion. Almonte's gravel is larger and

does not contain enough stone dust to make the trail accessible to those with accessibility needs.

**Moved by Paul Crozier**

**Seconded by Araina Clark**

**WHEREAS** Lanark County has constructed the OVRT, a multi-use trail which combines motorized vehicles with persons with disabilities on the same trail surface;

**WHEREAS** a stone dust trail is required to meet minimum accessibility standards for surfacing;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AAC recommend Lanark County complete the Almonte ward portion of the OVRT to ensure that it is compliant with AODA standards.

**CARRIED**

## 2. OVRT Accessibility Compliance

The Committee discussed the OVRT access through the urban area of Almonte and the accessibility and safety for persons with disabilities.

**Moved by Paul Crozier**

**Seconded by Myrna Blair**

**WHEREAS** the OVRT is a multi-use trail that combines motorized uses with persons with disabilities and intersects the urban downtown area of Almonte;

**WHEREAS** the AAC advocates for the inclusion, safety and accessibility for all persons with disabilities and users of the trail;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the AAC recommend Lanark County provide an outline of how the OVRT complies with the provisions of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) and plans to maintain AODA standards for future use while keeping in mind the safety of all users.

**CARRIED**

## J. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

## K. ADJOURNMENT

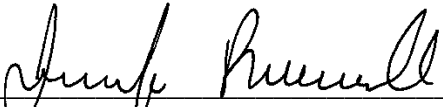
**Moved by Councillor McCubbin**

**Seconded by Paul Crozier**

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

  
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Jennifer Russell, Acting Deputy Clerk