



Hearst Accessibility Committee
Report of the April 20th, 2016
Public meeting
Heritage Sawmill Marketplace

1. Opening comments

Anne-Marie Portelance welcomed those present and introduced the guest speakers for the evening, pharmacists Emilie Mignault and Dustin Mathieu from the Novena Pharmacy.

2. New business :

- The Chair asked people to please restrain from using the two parking spaces that provide access to the curb ramps, in order to allow community bus passengers and wheelchair users to access the main entrance.
- A.M. Portelance presents the video produced by Rachel Bernard Mercier's grade eleven students from the "Défis sociaux" (social challenges) class. The whole purpose was to highlight the International Day of the Disabled person that takes place every year on December 3rd. The President thanked the teacher and the students who participated in this project: Alexandre Grenier, Meagan Slobodnick, Noémie Roy, Pelletier Sabrina, Sara and Alex Tremblay Poliquin. A.M. Portelance also thanked Julie Lanoix and Claire Forcier who accompanied her during the four meetings with this class.
- The president explains that in the coming months, the committee will concentrate its efforts to evaluate the town's parks and sidewalks. The committee also hopes to start revising all of its municipal evaluations, then will continue to perform free evaluations for the private sector, upon request.

3. Tips of the month :

- **Benefits for children under 25 :**
The Canada Pension Plan (CPP) Children's Benefits provide monthly payments to the dependent children of disabled or deceased CPP contributors.
http://www.esdc.gc.ca/en/cpp/child.page?&_ga=1.17953210.2015833756.1414609722
- **Healthy Homes renovation tax credit :**
The Healthy Homes Renovation Tax Credit is a permanent, refundable personal income tax credit for seniors and family members who live with them. If you qualify, you can claim up to \$10,000 worth of eligible home improvements on your tax return.
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/healthy-homes-renovation-tax-credit>

4. Émilie Mignault and Dustin Mathieu's presentation :

- **Medication-related Services :**
In-depth medication review by appointment (Meds Check Review), blister packaging of medication, private consultation, natural health products available and delivery service (within city limits).
- **New Application :**
They explain the new application " PharmaChoice " to renew prescriptions from cellular phones, tablets or from a computer by visiting www.pharmachoice.com .
- **Various Products :**
Our guests discuss mobility aids and activities of daily living products that are available in-store or ordered (walkers, canes, scooters ...)
- **One Little Question :**
A member asked the meaning of the pharmacy's name: Novena. Dustin Mathieu explained that Novena means 'nine " in Latin, The name was chosen because of the pharmacy's location on 9th Street.

5. Open forum : Questions, comments or concerns

6. Next Executive Committee meeting : June 3, 2016
Next Public Meeting: October 2016.

7. Adjournment

President adjourned the meeting at 9 :24 p.m.