Minutes of the Second (2nd) meeting of the Hearst Accessibility Committee June 3, 2016

The second (2nd) meeting of this Committee took place at noon in the Hearst Town Hall conference room, located at 925 Alexandra Street.

In attendance: Anne-Marie Portelance, President, André Rhéaume, Marcel Dillon, Chantal Dillon, Julie Lanoix, Agathe Cheff and Jean-Paul Grondin

1. Opening

President Anne-Marie Portelance opened the meeting at 12:13 pm and welcomed the members.

2. Review of the last Executive Committee meeting minutes (February 4, 2016)

Anne-Marie Portelance reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting.

3. Business arising from previous minutes (February 4, 2016)

The president explained that on the April 20th public meeting, members of the Committee installed a poster at the Heritage Sawmill Marketplace. The purpose of this poster was to encourage participants to leave vacant the two parking spaces along the sidewalks depressor in order to facilitate access for people who use the community bus or who use a wheelchair.

4. New Business

- A.M. Portelance proposed that the Committee starts to assess the George and 9th street's sidewalks. Members agreed that this assessment be carried out during the last week of June.
- Agathe Cheff suggested that the Committee add agencies like Aging at Home to its public meetings calling list. All agreed.
- Anne-Marie Portelance consulted members concerning the choice of a guest speaker for the October 2016's public meeting. The members decided to invite a Canadian national Institute for the blinds (CNIB) representative. The president and Julie Lanoix will make the necessary arrangements.
- The president explained the 'Assemblée de la francophonie de l'Ontario's structure. André Rhéaume will make a recommendation to Town Council so that the committee renews its own membership.

 A.M. Portelance informed the members that Yves Morissette, the new Chief Administrator of the Town, was unable to attempt this meeting because he was out of town. The President will invite him again for the September 2016 meeting.

5. Tip of the month

Disability-Related Information – 2015
 This guide is for persons with disabilities and their supporting persons. It gives information on tax credits and other related information.
 http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pub/tg/rc4064/rc4064-15e.pdf

6. Adjournment:

President adjourned the meeting at 1:14 p.m.

The next Executive Committee meeting will take place on Friday September 9, 2016 at 12:00 pm (noon hour) in the Town Hall conference room. The next public meeting will be held in October 2016 at the Heritage Sawmill Marketplace (date to be determined).

Anne-Marie Portelance, President