

**Minutes of the Second (2nd) meeting of the
Hearst Accessibility Committee
June 2, 2017**

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, Marc Dufresne, Chantal G. Dillon, Julie Lanoix, Agathe Cheff and Aline Morissette.

1. Opening

President opened the meeting at 12:07 pm. She welcomed all members.

2. Review of the last Executive Committee meeting minutes (February 10, 2017) and the report of the last public meeting (April 19, 2017)

Anne-Marie Portelance reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting and the report of the last public meeting.

3. Business arising from previous minutes (February 10, 2017)

A.M. Portelance explained that the complaints received last February on the snow clearing of accessible parkings did not concern the sidewalk or the street but rather the space between the two.

The President provided an overview of the committee's participation in the 2017 Springfest. She thanked all members for participating. Diane Laberge was the winner of the Polo shirt and Roch Brochu was the winner of the sweatshirt. A.M. Portelance thanked the Municipality of Hearst for these two gifts. She also thanked Claude Bergeron of Hearst Septic Tanks for his gift of 50 pairs of sunglasses that was distributed to people who stopped by the committee's booth.

Here is what people suggested in the committee's suggestion box:

- People would like apartment owners to install wider doors for wheelchairs or for moving purposes.
- We are reminded that the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce door isn't functioning properly.
- Some would like businesses to be more accessible.
- Others would like more accessible housing in Hearst.
- Some noted that the Scotia Bank is still not accessible.
- Others advised the municipality to repair the roads.
- Three ladies said that those under 65 with invisible disabilities still can't use the community bus.

Agathe Cheff suggested that a banner with the committee's name and logo be developed to increase the committee's visibility during such events.

4. New Business

- The President proposed a list of guest speakers for the October 2017 public meeting. Members chose to invite Dietician Joëlle Zorzetto.
- A.M. Portelance indicated that Marie-Josée Veilleux from the Hearst Hospital Foundation wants the committee to go ahead with the assessment of the Nord-Aski Family Health Team premises. Members agreed to go on June 22, 2017.

The President informed members that Manon Longval-Veilleux of the Hearst Legion wants the committee to conduct an assessment of their building. A.M. Portelance will contact the members as soon as a date is chosen.

The President suggested that the committee evaluate the Al Kinsey and Leger Parks during the summer months. All agreed.

- A.M. Portelance would like to meet with elementary school students in the fall of 2017, to introduce them to the Hearst Accessibility Committee.
- The President wanted the committee to have more visibility in the community. She suggested that a luminescent sticker of the committee's logo be affixed to each item or project that follows the committee's recommendations.
- A. M. Portelance explained that since the sale of the newspaper Le Nord, the committee can no longer announce its two public meetings free of charge. A. Rhéaume will bring a recommendation to the city council for the City to pay for the promotion of the two public meetings.

5. Tip of the month

Assessment Procedure for Senior and Disabled Property Tax Relief in Ontario
<https://www.mpac.ca/PropertyTypes/PropertyAssessmentProcedures/AssessmentProcedureForSeniorOrDisabledPropertyTaxReliefInOntario>

6. Adjournment

- President adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

The next Executive Committee meeting will take place on Friday, September 8, 2017, at 12:00 pm (noon hour) in the Town Hall conference room. The next public meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Heritage Sawmill Marketplace.

Anne-Marie Portelance, President