



Hearst Accessibility Committee
Report of the October 2, 2018
Public meeting
Heritage Sawmill Marketplace

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1. Opening comments

President Anne-Marie Portelance welcomes the audience. She introduced the two guests of the evening, Michelle Case and Geneviève Pelletier from the Nord-Aski Family Health Team. The Chair explained that she will start by making a summary of The Committee's recent activities, then the guest speakers proceed with their PowerPoint presentation.

2. New business

- A.M. Portelance revealed the committee's new banner and luminescent stickers. The members are very satisfied with these new tools which will largely increase the committee's visibility.
- The president explained that the Municipal Multi-Year Accessibility Plan must be revised by December 2018. The Hearst Accessibility Committee is an advisory committee, so its members will remain available to support the municipality with this task.
- AM Portelance informed the members that the evaluation of the Hearst Fire Station took place on August 17, 2018. She thanked those who participated: Julie Lanoix, Claire Forcier, Jean-Paul Grondin, Aline Morissette, Fanny Roy and Jean-Michel Chabot (Building Inspector / Fire Prevention Officer). The participants were surprised to see that there were no fire alarms in this building. As firefighters are not always on site, the committee strongly recommended the installation of such alarms.

A follow-up audit is planned for the Hearst Public Library on Wednesday, October 3, 2018, at 3:00 pm.

3. Tips of the month

➤ **« Accessforward » Web site**

This website provides free training modules to meet the training requirements under Ontario's accessibility laws (Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act).

<http://accessforward.ca>

➤ **FUELSERVICE**

A new app has been created with drivers with disabilities in mind. The app, fuelService, is available on iPhone, Android, and Windows smartphones. The app allows drivers to search nearby gas stations, then send a message requesting help to refuel. This gives more options to drivers needing assistance with pumping gas, as the number of full-serve gas stations dwindles.

<https://fuelservice.org/ca/index.html>

4. Presentation: Michelle Case and Geneviève Pelletier (see annex)

5. Next Executive Committee Meeting: November 23, 2018

Next Public Meeting: April 2019.

6. Adjournment

President adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Anne-Marie Portelance, President