

**Minutes of the Second (2nd) meeting of the
Hearst Accessibility Committee
June 21, 2019**

The second (2nd) meeting of this Committee took place on June 21st, 2019, at noon, in the Hearst Town Hall conference room, located at 925 Alexandra Street.

Attendances:

Anne-Marie Portelance, President

Julie Lanoix,

Agathe Cheff

Tammy Coulombe,

Chantal G. Dillon

Claire Forcier

1. Opening

The President opens the meeting at 12:09 pm. She welcomed all members.

2. Review of the last Executive Committees' meeting minutes (February 8th, 2019)

A-M. Portelance reviews the minutes of the previous meeting.

3. Business arising from previous minutes (February 8th, 2019)

The Chair provides a copy of the 2018 Accessibility Committee expenses for information purposes.

4. New Business

- **Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) Grant Application**

T. Coulombe and A-M. Portelance explains the outline of the project for the grant application. In total, the grant application is \$ 148,800 for the addition of an accessible gaming module with ramp, a gazebo and an accessible toilet for the Al Kinsey Park, along the Mattawishkwia river at 7th Street in Hearst. The grant application was written with the help of a special subcommittee of Claire Forcier, Julie Lanoix, Anne-Marie Portelance and Joël Lauzon. On June 12th, this grant application was submitted to OTF. All members are hoping and anticipating a positive answer in the forthcoming months. According to the Director of Parks and Recreation, this accessible park project fits well with other projects anticipated for the same high-potential site.

- **List of priorities**

A.-M. Portelance distributes a list of the assessments made by the Accessibility Committee in order to better choose the order of the tasks to be performed. The members suggest to have a special meeting to discuss this matter.

- **Springfest 2019**

The President thanked those who helped out at the Springfest. The winner of the little figurines, was Diane Caouette, (thank you to T. Coulombe for this donation to the committee). The suggestions from the suggestion box were read in front of all the members and were followed by a discussion on how to do the follow-ups.

- **International Day of Disabled Persons 2019**

A.-M. Portelance informed members that the International Day of Disabled Persons will be held on Tuesday, December 3rd, 2019. Claire Forcier suggest to contact the Hearst University to organize different activities with them.

- **Webinar**

The president participated in a webinar on accessible tourism, on April 30th, 2019. She encourages all members to register for these free online webinars.

5. Tip of the month

LIVE TRANSCRIBE APPLICATION

Live Transcribe is an accessibility app designed for the deaf and hard of hearing people, and usable by anyone. Using Google's state-of-the-art automatic speech recognition technology, Live Transcribe performs real-time transcription of speech and sound to text on your screen, so you can more easily participate in conversations going on in the world around you. You can also keep the conversation going by typing your response on the screen. <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.google.audio.hearing.visualization.accessibility.scribe&hl=fr>

6. Adjournment

- President adjourns the meeting at 1:44 pm.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held in September 2019 (20th or 27th), date and time to be confirmed.

Anne-Marie Portelance, President