



**Hearst Accessibility Committee**  
**Report of the October 22, 2019**  
**Public meeting**  
**Heritage Sawmill Marketplace**

**Present**

Anne-Marie Portelance  
Julie Lanoix  
Agathe Cheff  
Tammy Coulombe  
Claire Forcier  
Joël Lauzon

Nathalie Coulombe  
Brianna Picard  
Chantal G. Dillon  
Victor Granholm  
Sandra Blanchard  
Yvette Bergeron

Olive Côté  
Céline Lacroix  
Yvonne Bélanger  
Thérèse Vachon  
Solange Siebert

**1. Opening comments**

President Anne-Marie Portelance welcomed the audience. She introduced the guests of the evening, Tammy and Nathalie Coulombe from the Town of Hearst. The Chair explained that she will start by making a summary of the Committee's recent activities, then the guest speakers will proceed with their presentation.

**2. New business**

• **Springfest 2019**

The president thanked those who helped out at the Springfest. The winner of the little figurines was Diane Caouette, (thank you to Tammy Coulombe for this donation to the committee). [L]  
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• **Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) Grant Application**

A-M. Portelance explained 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. [L]  
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• **Invitation from the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility**

The president informed the participants that the Hearst Accessibility Committee has been invited to make a presentation at a webinar hosted by the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility. This webinar was held on October 2, 2019 at 2 pm; Julie Lanoix and the president participated.

- **Invitation to the Healthy Aging Expo 2019**

The president informed the audience that she received an invitation from the Porcupine Health Unit to participate in the Healthy Aging Expo held on October 30, 2019 at Place des Arts de Hearst.

- **International Day of Persons with Disabilities – December 3, 2019**

Claire Forcier met with Anne-Marie Cantin from Université de Hearst to organize an event for the International Day of Disabled Persons. The project will be spread over two years. The Université de Hearst invited the committee to perform an accessibility audit of their building. The date has yet to be determined.

### 3. Tips of the month

- **Live Transcribe Application**

Live Transcribe is an accessibility app designed for the deaf and hard of hearing, 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>

- **The new Accessible Business Webpage**

The Ontario Government just launched a brand-new webpage dedicated to helping businesses maximize their bottom line by becoming more accessible. The site takes users through the rationale behind making your business more universally accessible and expanding your customer base while also hosting a series of useful guides and best practice tip-sheets. These tools provide examples of cheap, easy and often free tips to improve accessibility in your workplace for employees, customers and the general public.

[www.ontario.ca/page/accessibility-ontario-information-businesses](http://www.ontario.ca/page/accessibility-ontario-information-businesses)

### 4. Presentation: Tammy & Nathalie Coulombe (see annex)

### 5. Next Executive Committee Meeting: November 18, 2019

**Next Public Meeting:** April 2020.

### 6. Adjournment

President adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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**Anne-Marie Portelance, President**