

**Minutes of the First (1st) Meeting of the  
Hearst Accessibility Committee  
January 22, 2015**

The first (1st) meeting of this Committee took place at noon hour in the Hearst Town Hall conference room, located at 925 Alexandra Street.

*In attendance: Councillor André Rhéaume, Agathe Cheff, Marcel Dillon, Chantal Dillon, Julie Lanoix and Pierrette Côté-Lacroix.*

**1. Opening**

Councillor André Rhéaume opened the meeting at 12:20 pm and welcomed the members.

**2. Review of the last Executive Committee meeting minutes (September 11, 2014)**

André Rhéaume reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting.

*Proposed by : Pierrette Côté-Lacroix*

*Seconded by : Agathe Cheff*

*BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held on September 11, 2014, be hereby adopted.*

**CARRIED**

**3. Business arising from previous minutes (September 11, 2014)**

The list of names for our public meetings will need to be updated. Julie Lanoix will contact Anne-Marie Portelance to find out the names of the people who were on her calling list.

**4. New Business**

- Councillor André Rhéaume presented the resignation letter from the committee chair, Anne-Marie Portelance. A discussion followed on the procedure used to fill this position. Marcel Dillon suggested reassessing the committee objectives.
- Pierrette Côté-Lacroix noted that the requested changes have been made outside dentist Dany Grondin's office. Marcel Dillon also noted that the Hearst Caisse populaire has lowered one of its counters to accommodate people in wheelchairs. Julie Lanoix suggested taking a picture of the counter in order to highlight this positive change. Agathe Cheff also mentioned that she noticed that the button to open the outside door at Place des Arts does not work; it would be good to let them know.

- Agathe Cheff suggested that rather than finding another building to assess, we should check if the changes suggested in our building assessments have been made.
- André Rhéaume stated that he will once again try to contact a doctor who could come to our public meeting scheduled for April 23rd at the Heritage Sawmill.
- Marcel Dillon informed that a letter was sent to Hearst Municipal Council asking for changes about the location of designated parking areas for the disabled (remove the parking in front of the Hearst Theatre and place one in front of the Public Library). Marcel added that Hearst has 21 designated parking areas. They are asking the Accessibility Committee's opinion on this matter. The committee recommended that the municipality should make the change of designated parking areas on George Street.
- Mr. Dillon reported on a letter sent to the municipality by the **AMCTO (Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario)**. This organization is seeking submissions on accessibility success stories that could be presented as part of the 10th Anniversary of the AODA to be held in Timmins on Wednesday, May 6. Members of the municipality will attend, but it is suggested that a committee member participates to present the committee's achievements using our Powerpoint presentation. Pierrette Côté-Lacroix added that following the committee's last public meeting, members from the Canadian Hearing Society returned in Hearst to assess the needs of a lady; this assistance was greatly appreciated.

## 5. Tip of the month

Nothing to report.

## 6. Adjournment

Councillor Rhéaume adjourned the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

The next public meeting will take place on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Heritage Sawmill. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Friday, March 27, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. (noon hour) in the Town Hall conference room.

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**André Rhéaume, in the absence of  
the President Anne-Marie Portelance**