

**Minutes of the Third (3rd) meeting of the
Hearst Accessibility Committee
September 22, 2017**

The third (3rd) 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, Julie Lanoix, Chantal G. Dillon and Jean-Paul Grondin.

1. Opening

President opened the meeting at 12:06 pm. She welcomed all members.

2. Review of the last Executive Committee meeting minutes (June 2, 2017)

Anne-Marie Portelance reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting.

3. Business arising from previous minutes (June 2, 2017)

The president listed the evaluations that were made during the summer and thanked everyone who took part in it:

- June 22, 2017 - Premises of the Nord-Aski Family Health Team,
Participants: Chantal G. Dillon, Julie Lanoix, Marie-Josée Veilleux, Stéphane Blanchette and Anne-Marie Portelance
- August 9, 2017 - Al Kinsey Park,
Participants: Julie Lanoix, Jean-Paul Grondin and Anne-Marie Portelance.
- August 10, 2017 - Marcel Léger Park,
Participants: Julie Lanoix and Anne-Marie Portelance.

A.M. Portelance suggested that the committee continues to evaluate the municipality's parks, then when the weather no longer permits it, she recommends that the committee revise all past audits.

André Rhéaume informed members that the following items would be included in the 2018 municipal budget: banner, luminescent stickers, announcements for our public meetings in the newspaper Le Nord and participation in a regional conference. The Chair will make a rough estimate of these costs.

The president announced that dietitian Paméla Vienneau-Wilson will be the committee's guest for the October 10, 2017 public meeting. Community counselor Tammy Larouche of Victim Services will be the guest speaker for the April 2018 public meeting.

4. New Business

- A.M. Portelance summarized her participation in the 2017 Accessibility Forum in Thunder Bay on June 14, 2017. The speakers were: Jim Kyte, Jim Sanders, Thomas Merritt, and Peter Armstrong. Team case studies were also conducted. The president distributed the forum documents she had ordered. A. Rheume will give copies to the members of the Municipal Council.
- Julie Lanoix, Claire Forcier and the President will meet with Isabelle Boucher from the Passeport Jeunesse School to plan a treasure hunt that will allow students to learn more about the Hearst Accessibility Committee.
- The president consulted the members on how to celebrate the Committee's 10th anniversary. Members opted for a supper at the Companion at their own expense.

A.M. Portelance drew attention to the committee's ten years. She asked the members if they would like an election for the position of president. Members choose not to have an election. A. Portelance agreed to remain in office and thanked the members.

- The Chair questions members on how they would like to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on December 3, 2017. A. Rhéaume suggested that the president conduct an interview for the community radio with a representative of the Disability Resource center of Kapuskasing. A. Rhéaume will make the necessary arrangements.

5. Tip of the month

Hearst Public Library – Services for people with limitations Large print books, audio books, DAISY format books, CELA services, accessible washroom, automatic doors, computers with large screens and WCAG2.0website.

Guide dogs are accepted.

Unfortunately, no accessible parking near the main entrance.

(**The committee will study the use of existing accessible parking spaces).

6. Adjournment

- President adjourned the meeting at 1:11 p.m.

The next public meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Heritage Sawmill Marketplace. The next Executive Committee meeting will take place on Friday, November 24, 2017 at 12:00 pm (noon hour) in the Town Hall conference room.

Anne-Marie Portelance, President