

**Minutes of the Second (2nd) meeting of the
Hearst Accessibility Committee
June 15, 2018**

The second (2nd) 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, Tammy Coulombe, Agathe Cheff, Julie Lanoix, Aline Morissette and Jean-Paul Grondin.

1. Opening

President opened the meeting at 12:07 pm. She welcomed all Executive members.

2. Review of the last Executive Committee meeting minutes (February 23, 2018) and the report of the last public meeting (May 23, 2018)

Anne-Marie Portelance reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting and presented a summary of the last public meeting.

3. Business arising from previous minutes (February 23, 2017)

The president suggested different topics in order to select a guest speaker for the October 2018 public meeting. Members chose a presentation on "Depression". The president will make the necessary arrangements.

4. New Business

- The President reviewed some of the committee's recommendations :

A.M. Portelance revealed the committee's new banner and luminescent stickers. The members are very satisfied with these new tools which will greatly increase the committee's visibility.

At the February 10, 2017 meeting, Marc Dufresne suggested the installation of pedestrian buzzers at the municipality's traffic lights. Tammy Coulombe will follow up on this suggestion.

In the November 23, 2017, minutes, A.M. Portelance presented the "AMP Access Zone" concept which consists of eliminating the cement border near accessible parking spaces to improve access. T. Coulombe and the Chair will prepare the administrative report for submission to the Public Works Working Group.

On November 23, 2017, the committee was trying to find a solution so that the Hearst Public Library would have an accessible parking space. A. Rhéaume suggested a meeting with their president, Johanne Morin-Corbeil.

At the February 3, 2018 meeting, the President suggested that yellow lines be painted on the pedestrian crossing at the centre of George Street between 8th and 9th Street and that signs be installed to better identify this crosswalk in winter time. T. Coulombe will do a follow up on this.

- In anticipation of the Municipality's 2019 Budget, the President suggested:
 - print new pamphlets for the committee's presentations,
 - design and print thank you cards for the committee's guest speakers,
 - plan a budget for an out-of-town meeting.
- André Rhéaume informed the members of his meeting with Yves Morrissette, the committee may now proceed with the fire station's evaluation. The chair suggested doing this assessment in June and then continue with the municipal park's evaluations during the summer months.
- The Chair believes that the committee should plan an event for the International Day of Persons with Disabilities to be held on December 3, 2018. She proposed to meet with the Clayton Brown Public School students, inform them about the committee and to suggest them an activity for December 3rd 2018.
- The President read Danny Blanchette's letter in the June 14, 2018 Le Nord paper.

5. Tip 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>

6. Adjournment

- President adjourned the meeting at 1:38 pm.

The next Executive Committee meeting will take place on Friday, September 7, 2018 at 12:00 pm (noon hour) in the Town Hall conference room.

The next public meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Heritage Sawmill Marketplace.

Anne-Marie Portelance, President