

**Minutes of the Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) meeting of the  
Hearst Accessibility Committee  
September 7, 2018**

The third (3<sup>rd</sup>) 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 and Aline Morissette.

### **1. Opening**

The President opened the meeting at 12:09 pm. She welcomed all executive members. She announced that André Rhéaume will not be running for re-election at the next municipal election in October. Aline Morissette and Jean-Paul Grondin will also leave the committee due to different health issues.

### **2. Review of the last Executive Committee meeting minutes (June 15, 2018)**

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

### **3. Business arising from previous minutes (June 15, 2018)**

President Portelance informed the members that the next public meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at the Heritage Sawmill Marketplace. Michelle Case and Geneviève Pelletier from the Nord-Aski Family Health Team will give a presentation on "Mental Health and Depression".

A.M. Portelance suggested different topics for the April 2019 public meeting. Members chose a presentation on "Foot care". The president will make the necessary arrangements.

A.M. Portelance announced that a meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2018 at 1 pm with the Hearst Public Library to explore the possibility of installing an accessible parking space for their clientele. Johanne Morin-Corbeil (president of the Public Library Board), Francine Daigle (Director of library services), Raymond Vermette (council representative on the library board), André Rhéaume and A.M. Portelance will participate.

### **4. New Business**

- The president explained that the Municipal Multi-Year Accessibility Plan must be revised by December 2018. The Hearst Accessibility Committee is an advisory committee, so its members will remain available to support the municipality with this task.

- AM Portelance informed the members that the evaluation of the Hearst Fire Station took place on August 17, 2018. She thanked those who participated: Julie Lanoix, Claire Forcier, Jean-Paul Grondin, Aline Morissette, Fanny Roy and Jean-Michel Chabot (Building Inspector / Fire Prevention Officer). The participants were surprised to see that there were no fire alarms in this building. As firefighters are not always on site, the committee strongly recommended the installation of such alarms.
- The president explained that she had a conversation with Wayne Mckinnon, principal of the Clayton Brown Public School. She explained that she wants to schedule a meeting with their students to inform them about the Hearst Accessibility Committee. She also wishes to suggest them an activity for the International Day of Persons with Disabilities that will be held on December 3, 2018.
- A.M. Portelance asked members for their opinion on the new Hearst's 2018 telephone directory. Those who have had the opportunity to read it, noted that the writing is much too small for the visually impaired. The committee will inform the Town by letter.

## 5. Tip of the month

The FUELSERVICE application

A new app has been created with drivers with disabilities in mind. The app, fuelService, is available on the iPhone, Android, and Windows smartphones. The app allows drivers to search nearby gas stations, then send a message requesting help to refuel. This gives more options to drivers needing assistance with pumping gas, as the number of full-serve gas stations dwindles.

<https://fuelservice.org/ca/index.html>

## 6. Adjournment

- President adjourned the meeting at 1:28 pm.

The next public meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Heritage Sawmill Marketplace. The next Executive Committee meeting will take place on Friday, November 23, 2018 at 12:00 pm (noon hour) in the Town Hall conference room.

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**Anne-Marie Portelance, President**