

**Minutes of the Fourth (4th) meeting of the
Hearst Accessibility Committee
November 23, 2018**

The fourth (4th) 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, Chantal G. Dillon and Michelle Côté (volunteer).

1. Opening

The President opened the meeting at 12:07 pm. She welcomed all Executive members and volunteer Michelle Côté.

2. Review of the last Executive Committee meeting minutes (September 7, 2018) and the report of the last public meeting (October 2, 2018)

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

3. Business arising from previous minutes (September 7, 2018)

Tammy Coulombe reminded members that the Municipality's Multi-Year Accessibility Plan needs to be revised by December 2018. She gave an overview of the plan. The Chair invites the members to participate in this review after the meeting.

A.M. Portelance provided an updated on the Clayton Brown Public School project to mark the International Day of People with Disabilities on December 3, 2018. Julie Lanoix, Claire Forcier, Michelle Côté and the President met with teacher Heather Fex on November 8, 2018. Several activities are already planned for that day.

4. New Business

- The President summarized the committee's participation at the "Healthy Aging Expo" held at Place des Arts on October 29, 2018. She thanked Julie Lanoix for all her help.
- A.M. Portelance informed the members that the Hearst Public Library follow-up evaluation was conducted on October 3, 2018. The issue of an accessible parking space was discussed. She thanked the people who took part: Julie Lanoix, Fanny Roy, Tammy Coulombe, Brianna Picard, Raymond Vermette (Counselor) and Francine D'aigle (Director of Library Services).

- The President stated that she received a few complaints from people with reduced mobility regarding the non-operation of the «Independent» Shop scooter. After checking, she learned that it has just been repaired. In case of breakage and to accommodate more customers, users suggested the purchase of a second scooter.
- President Portelance explained to members that following the purchase of the banner and luminescent stickers, there is still enough money in the budget to go ahead with the printing of new flyers and thank you cards for the public meeting guests. Members all agreed.

5. Tip of the month

StopGap Foundation is a Canadian charity that is helping to create a world where every person can access every space. The Foundation provides single-stepped businesses and private buildings with portable access ramps to make their spaces more accessible. Businesses can deploy the ramps to provide access for many people, including persons with mobility related disabilities, parents pushing strollers, and delivery people using carts. Site: www.stopgap.ca

6. Adjournment

- President adjourned the meeting at 1:34 pm.

The next Executive Committee meeting will take place on Friday, February 8, 2019, at 12:00 pm (noon hour) in the Town Hall Conference room. The next public meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Heritage Sawmill Marketplace.

Anne-Marie Portelance, President