

**Minutes of the Third (3rd) meeting of the
Hearst Accessibility Committee
September 23, 2019**

The third (3rd) meeting of this Committee took place at 4:30 pm in the Hearst Town Hall conference room, located at 925 Alexandra Street.

In attendance

Anne-Marie Portelance, President

Joël Lauzon

Tammy Coulombe

Julie Lanoix

Agathe Cheff

1. Opening

A-M. Portelance, president opened the meeting at 4:37 pm. She welcomed all members.

2. Review of the last Executive Committee meeting minutes (June 21, 2019)

A-M Portelance reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting.

3. Business arising from previous minutes (June 21, 2019)

T. Coulombe is following up on the grant application submitted to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for an accessible playground: The Foundation's decision is pending.

4. New Business

- **Invitation from the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility**

A-M. Portelance informed members that the Hearst Accessibility Committee has been invited to make a presentation at a webinar hosted by the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility. This webinar will be held on October 2, 2019 at 2 pm. J. Lanoix and A-M. Portelance will participate.

- **Next public meeting**

A.-M. Portelance asked T. Coulombe if she would be willing to be the guest speaker of the October 2019 public meeting, T. Coulombe accepted. The Multi-Year Accessibility Plan will be included in her presentation.

- **Invitation to the Healthy Aging Expo 2019**

A-M Portelance informed the committee that she received an invitation from the Porcupine Health Unit to participate in the Healthy Aging Expo held on October 30, 2019 at Place des Arts de Hearst.

- **International Day of Persons with Disabilities – December 3, 2019**

Claire Forcier met with Anne-Marie Cantin from Université de Hearst to organize an event for the International Day of Disabled Persons. This project will be spread over two years.

The Université de Hearst invited the committee to perform an accessibility audit of their building. The date has yet to be determined.

5. Tip of the month

The new accessible business webpage

The Ontario Government just launched a brand-new webpage dedicated to helping businesses maximize their bottom line by becoming more accessible. The site takes users through the rationale behind making your business more universally accessible and expanding your customer base while also hosting a series of useful guides and best practice tip-sheets. These tools provide examples of cheap, easy and often free tips to improve accessibility in your workplace for employees, customers and the general public.

Link: www.ontario.ca/page/accessibility-ontario-information-businesses

6. Adjournment

- A-M Portelance adjourned the meeting at 6:14 pm.

The next public meeting will be held on Tuesday October 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Heritage Sawmill Marketplace. The next Executive Committee meeting will take place on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 4:30 pm in the Town Hall conference room.

Anne-Marie Portelance, President