

**Minutes of the Fourth (4th) meeting of the
Hearst Accessibility Committee
November 18, 2019**

The fourth (4th) 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

Julie Lanoix

Chantal G. Dillon

Joël Lauzon

Michelle Côté

Claire Forcier

Tammy Coulombe

1. Opening

The president opened the meeting at 4:40 pm. She welcomed all members.

2. Review of the last Executive Committee meeting minutes (September 23, 2019)

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

3. Business arising from previous minutes (September 23, 2019)

Tammy Coulombe and the president did a follow-up on the grant application submitted to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for an accessible playground for the Al Kinsey park.

4. New Business

- **Policy on Relationships between Board Members and City Staff**

Tammy Coulombe explained to members the policy on the relationship between board members and municipal staff.

- **Committee budget for 2020**

A.-M.Portelnce informed the members that it is now time to submit the committee's requests for the 2020 budget. Members requested that the community bus remains available for public meeting, second, that ongoing funding be allocated for one meeting per year outside of the city and then, members suggest buying promotional items (small loupes) for fairs or Springfest.

- **Next public meeting**

The President suggested people from a travel agency be invited to the next public meeting in April 2020. The theme would be: Traveling as a person with limitations.

- **Town of Hearst Christmas party**

A.-M. Portelance invited members to the Town of Hearst's Christmas party.

- **Candidate**

Brianna Picard (17), a student and committee volunteer, submitted her candidacy to serve on the Accessibility Committee.

- **Procedures for futur grants**

The president consulted the people from the Assemblée de la francophonie de l'Ontario to find other accessibility grants.

5. Tip of the month

Opportunity funds for persons with disabilities

The Opportunities Fund for Persons with Disabilities assists persons with disabilities to prepare for, obtain and maintain employment. It supports persons with disabilities in overcoming barriers to participation in the Canadian labour market, and it supports employers to hire persons with disabilities. This program supports a wide range of programs and services, including job search supports, pre-employability services, wage subsidies, work placements and employer awareness initiatives to encourage employers to hire persons with disabilities. The Opportunities Fund is delivered across the country by Service Canada Centres, in partnership with organizations in the community.

Visit: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employmentsocidevelopment/programs/opportunity-fund-disability>.

6. Adjournment

- President adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm.

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

Anne-Marie Portelance, President