

A meeting of the **Mississippi Mills Accessibility Advisory Committee** was held on **Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.** at the Municipal Office.

**PRESENT:**

Committee: Councillor Cynthia Guerard  
Araina Clark  
Betty Preston  
Claire Marson  
Jim Lowry  
Kristin Cavanagh-Ray  
Myrna Blair

Staff/Others: Jeanne Harfield, Acting Clerk

Regrets: Paul Crozier

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The Acting Clerk called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by Betty Preston**  
**Seconded by Kristen Cavanagh-Ray**  
**THAT** the agenda be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None

**C. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / TOURS**

None

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Moved by Araina Clark**  
**Seconded by Myrna Blair**  
**THAT** the minutes dated October 30, 2018 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**E. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES**

None

**F. ROUND TABLE**

- Councillor Cynthia Guerard – Accessible park features and personal experience with disabilities
- Araina Clark – excited to be on the Advisory Committee again

- Betty Preston – Desire to review the priorities of the annual accessibility report and the assigned priority levels
- Claire Marson – excited to be on the Advisory Committee, personal experience as a caregiver to someone with invisible barriers
- Kristin Cavanagh-Ray – interested in invisible disabilities how to work with other committees on priority areas and promote accessibility

Other items discussed included:

- Available grants, curling rink accessibility and adaptable curling.
- The Acting Clerk to reach out to Robert Kennedy to review the 2019 barriers in the Municipality
- Accessibility of Mill St. and the use of Stop Gap ramps

## **G. REPORTS**

None

## **H. INFORMATION / CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Government of Ontario  
Re: How to Serve on a Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee
2. Parkinson Canada  
Re: At Ease: a guide to improving accessibility in the workplace and on route for people with invisible disabilities

## **I. OTHER/NEW BUSINESS**

1. Introduction of new Members

All members present introduced themselves.

2. Election of Chair – term January 2019 to December 31, 2022

**Moved by Clair Marson**

**Seconded by Araina Clark**

**THAT** Betty Preston be appointed as chair for the term of Council

**CARRIED**

3. 2019 Meeting Schedule

All AAC meetings will be scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday's of the Month at 3:00 p.m. The Acting Clerk will circulate agendas and advise if a meeting has been cancelled.

4. Accessibility Plan

Members reviewed the 2015-2019 Accessibility Plan and will work with the Acting Clerk on revisions and ideas in what to incorporate into the 2020-2025 plan. Incorporating aspects of the annual accessibility plan (barriers)

5. National Access Awareness Week

- Focus on how businesses can be accessible –easy and cost effective ways to be more accessible
- Acting Clerk to bring forward a plan to the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting

**J. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Webinar – March 27, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.
- AAC meeting – April 17, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Claire Marson**

**Seconded by Araina Clark**

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

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Jeanne Harfield, Acting Clerk