



**The Corporation of the Municipality of Mississippi Mills**

**Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**April 27, 2022**

**3:00 p.m.**

**Almonte Old Town Hall**

**14 Bridge St., Almonte**

Committee Present: Councillor Guerard  
Betty Preston  
Kristen Ray  
Myrna Blair

Committee Absent: Araina Clark  
Claire Marson  
Jim Lowry

Staff Present: Casey Munro, Deputy Clerk

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

B. Preston called the meeting to order @3:31pm

**B. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by** Kristen Ray

**Seconded by** Myrna Blair

**THAT** the agenda be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Moved by** Myrna Blair

**Seconded by** Kristen Ray

**THAT**, the minutes be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**E. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**E.1 Walkaround Gemmill Park Entrance Way**

C. Murphy met the committee at the Gemmill Park Entrance.

The group walked through the park entrance from the gate to the swing set to discuss the prior approved plan of paving a portion of the entranceway (from the entrance gate up to the paved path from the skatepark further into the park) for increased accessibility.

C. Murphy advised the group that due to the increased plowing at the entrance of the park for overflow parking in the winter that there was an increased risk for damage along the paved section. The committee agreed that paving a portion of the entrance was not the best way to make the entrance accessible to those entering the park.

The committee provided Calvin with direction to work with Public Works for alternate solutions such as smaller compact gravel and to ensure that any potholes would be addressed.

The committee would review this again next year to see if this is indeed a solution to the entranceway.

**F. REPORTS**

**F.1 OVRT - Designated Wilderness and Accessible Sections**

Jonathan Allen, Lanark County presented the accessible designation of portions of the OVRT trail.

The section in Mississippi Mills includes 800 Meters South of John St (just past Baseball Field) – Carrs St (2.14 km's)

The committee reviewed the designated areas and look forward to the noted upgrades that will be coming. (ie signage, rails etc.)

## **F.2 Veteran Memorial Walkway**

C. Murphy presented a proposed idea from the Legion at Veteran's Memorial Walkway. The proposal is 100% funded through the Legion and at no cost to the municipality.

The proposed idea includes a paved walkway, with a memorial wall and planted flowers.

The proposal is only in the beginning stages and is being brought to an upcoming Council meeting as an information item.

the committee suggested perhaps a better flow to the walkway, to ensure a good turnaround radius and the 5ft minimum required through AODA for a path.

## **G. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES**

### **G.1 Ad Campaign for Accessibility Week (May 29 - June 4)**

Kristen will circulate the proposed materials in the upcoming weeks and asked that the committee submit and comments prior to the next meeting.

## **H. ROUND TABLE**

Councillor Guerard spoke to the committee regarding accessibility week and suggested with all of the construction downtown this year that perhaps the committee refrain from posting in the shop windows for 2022. The committee can review the hands posters in 2023.

Staff Direction was provided to reach out to the Pakenham Civitan to see if we could schedule the sign over the bridge to display Accessibility Week for 2022.

Staff Direction was provided to reach out to the recreation committee to see if we could be included in the schedule for the digital sign out front of the Almonte Arena.

The committee will review the suggested communications for accessibility week at the May 18th meeting.

## **I. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

## **J. OTHER / NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **K. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting will be a walk around of the Pakenham Washrooms by the baseball diamond. C. Murphy will be onsite at the walkaround for questions and discussion regarding the proposed upgrade.

**K.1 Next Scheduled Meeting - May 18, 2022 @ Pakenham Washrooms.**

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by** Kristen Ray

**Seconded by** Myrna Blair

THAT, the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 4:15 pm.

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Casey Munro, Deputy Clerk,  
Recording Secretary