

A meeting of the **Mississippi Mills Accessibility Advisory Committee** was held on **Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.** at the Municipal Office.

**PRESENT:**

Committee: Araina Clark  
Betty Preston  
Claire Marson  
Jim Lowry  
Kristen Cavanagh-Ray

Staff/Others: Jennifer Russell, Acting Deputy Clerk

Regrets: Councillor Cynthia Guerard  
Myrna Blair  
Paul Crozier

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Chairperson Betty Preston called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**CARRIED**

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

None

**C. DELEGATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / TOURS**

None

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Moved by Claire Marson**  
**Seconded by Kristen Cavanagh-Ray**  
**THAT** the minutes dated March 21, 2019 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**E. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES**

None

**F. ROUND TABLE**

None

**G. REPORTS**

None

## H. INFORMATION / CORRESPONDENCE

### 1. Enable Ottawa Forum – May 22, 2019

Members discussed the one-day free forum for innovative solutions to accessibility.

## I. OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

### 1. National Access Awareness Week – Poster & Tips

**Moved by Araina Clark**

**Seconded by Jim Lowry**

**WHEREAS** National Access Awareness Week was first established in 1988 to promote better community access for people with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS** the week was created in response to a request from Rick Hansen following his 40,000 km Man in Motion World Tour, organized to raise awareness about the need for accessibility for people with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS** the week celebrates achievements made by and for people with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS** it promotes access for people with all disabilities who encounter barriers that prevent full participation in day-to-day activities.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of

Mississippi Mills does hereby proclaim May 26 – June 1, 2018 as National Access Awareness Week in an effort to raise awareness of the importance of equal access and full participation of persons with disabilities.

**CARRIED**

Committee members reviewed and discussed the Awareness week poster and tips. Some suggestions include:

- Brochures to be created for easy and quick readability for residents
- Brochures and 8x11 posters distributed to local businesses, schools, churches etc.
- 11x17 posters for Municipal facilities to be posted
- Daily tips to include information directing residents to the municipal website for accessible organization website links

Information on National Access Awareness Week could be presented at the next Business Breakfast.

### 2. County Accessibility Committee

Acting Deputy Clerk updated members on Lanark County's suggestion to create a staff resource Accessibility group for Lanark County and lower municipalities (with and without Accessibility Advisory Groups) to meet and share ideas and best

practices for a consistent approach throughout all of the County municipalities. A meeting for Clerks to further discuss will be schedule shortly. Further information to follow.

**J. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

May 15, 2019 @ 3:00pm

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Claire Marson**

**Seconded by Jim Lowry**

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

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Jennifer Russell, Acting Deputy Clerk, Recording Secretary