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**Report of the Midland Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting held
Monday, May 2, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. in the Municipal Office Council Chamber.**

Present: R. Mable (Chair), T. Stadt, P. Weyman and H. Fox

Regrets: C. Nichols, A. Lafond and F. Moreau

Also Present: J. Lewis, Senior Planner
S. McDonald, Executive Director, Community Reach
K. Desroches, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order

R. Mable called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations were made at this time.

3. Review of Report

The Committee reviewed the report of the meeting held March 7, 2016, following which it was then,

Moved by T. Stadt

Seconded by H. Fox

THAT the Minutes of the Midland Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting held March 7, 2016, be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED.

4. Public Meeting Re. 2016-2021 Multi-Year Accessibility and Transit Plan

R. Mable called the meeting to order and advised that the purpose of the meeting was to receive feedback from the public on the Town of Midland's 2016-2021 Multi-Year Accessibility and Transit Plan.

R. Mable noted that the public meeting was being held in accordance with section 41 of Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation 191/11.

K. Desroches confirmed that notice of the meeting was posted on the Town's website, internal and external notice boards, and in the April 2, 2015 edition of the Midland Mirror. No written comments were received.

There being no comments, the public meeting regarding the 2016-2021 Multi-Year Accessibility and Transit Plan was closed.

5. Multi-Year Accessibility and Transit Plan

The Committee reviewed the 2016 – 2021 Multi-Year Accessibility and Transit Plan.

K. Desroches provided a brief overview of the plan.

A number of barriers observed by individual Committee members were presented for inclusion in the "Barriers Identified" section of the Plan as items to be addressed in the future.

**6. Site Plan Application SPA-03-16
9220 & 9226 County Road 93 – Mountainview Mall**

The Committee reviewed a report dated April 26, 2016, from Planning and Building Services, regarding the proposed transition of the Mountainview Mall from an indoor mall to a plaza, with each commercial business having individual entrances to the inside. The balance of the building would be dedicated to storage.

The Planner provided a brief overview of the external and internal accessibility features proposed for the commercial facility and responded to questions raised by individual committee members.

The Committee proposed a number of additional improvements that would further eliminate barriers to those with disabilities.

The Planner was directed to present the proposed improvements to the applicant for consideration.

7. Official Plan Review (OPR)

The Committee reviewed a memorandum dated April 11, 2016, from the Director of Planning and Building Services, regarding a Public Community Forum to be held on June 2, 2016 to present the OPR Discussion Papers and the Directions and Recommendations Report, and proposing a time to

meet with the Accessibility Advisory Committee to receive feedback on the new Official Plan.

The Deputy Clerk was directed to advise the Director that the Committee would be available to meet with the Consulting Team at 10:00 am on June 2, 2016.

8. National Access Awareness Week (May 29 – June 4, 2016)

The Committee reviewed an email dated April 14, 2016, from Ms. J. Lane, Accessibility and Development Consultant, County of Simcoe, highlighting some of the initiatives the County will be undertaking in recognition of National Access Awareness Week from May 29 to June 4, 2016.

The Committee recommended that the Town of Midland also recognize National Access Awareness Week by way of a proclamation. The Deputy Clerk advised that she would prepare a letter of request on behalf of the Committee.

In commemoration of National Access Awareness Week, the MAAC will be kicking off a series of tours to be completed over the upcoming months of the various municipal facilities and parks frequented by the public to identify possible barriers to those with disabilities. Any barriers identified will be included in the Town's Multi-Year Accessibility and Transit Plan.

Members of the Committee advised that they will be attending the Township of Tiny's Mobi-Mat Ribbon Cutting on June 1 at Balm Beach in recognition of National Access Awareness Week, and in support and celebration of the efforts undertaken by the surrounding community to break down barriers.

9. Next Meeting

Tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 6, 2016, at 2:00 pm in the Municipal Office Council Chambers.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Karen Desroches
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Deputy Clerk