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**Report of the Midland Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting held Monday,  
March 6, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. in the Municipal Office Council Chambers.**

**Present:** R. Mable (Chair), C. Nichols, H. Fox, K. Banks, T. Stadt  
and F. Moreau

**Regrets:** P. Weyman

**Also Present:** J. Lewis, Senior Planner  
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 December 5, 2016,  
following which it was then,

**Moved by H. Fox**

**Seconded by K. Banks**

**THAT the Minutes of the Midland Accessibility Advisory Committee  
Meeting held December 5, 2016, be adopted as printed and circulated.  
CARRIED.**

**4. Site Plan Approval Application SPA-01-17  
649 Balm Beach Road**

The Committee reviewed a report dated February 22, 2017, from the Planning  
and Building Services Department, regarding a Site Plan Application to permit  
the construction of a one-storey, 230 square metre building addition on the  
Salvation Army Thrift Store to improve the donation area. The existing entrance  
and parking area are to be paved and 51 parking spaces are proposed including  
one barrier-free parking space.

J. Lewis responded to questions raised by the Committee.

The Committee expressed no concerns and supported the plan as presented.

**5. 2018 Municipal Election**

The Committee reviewed a report dated January 31, 2017, from the Acting Clerk, recommending that the Town proceed with Internet/Telephone voting for the 2018 Municipal Election.

Committee members spoke to the barriers and challenges they have personally experienced with past municipal elections, and the benefits internet/telephone voting would offer for everyone, but most particularly those with varying abilities.

It was then,

**Moved by T. Stadt**

**Seconded by K. Banks**

**That the Midland Accessibility Advisory Committee strongly endorses the implementation of telephone voting/internet voting to increase the accessibility for the electorate for the 2018 municipal election.**

**CARRIED.**

**6. National Access Awareness Week 2017**

The Committee considered possible initiative(s) it could undertake to draw attention to the benefits of breaking down barriers to those with disabilities and to recognize National Access Awareness Week - May 29 to June 4, 2017.

K. Desroches noted that the Town will be installing automatic doors at the North Simcoe Sports and Recreation Centre to increase accessibility.

The Committee agreed to host a ribbon cutting event during National Access Awareness Week to promote this new accessible feature.

**7. Other Business**

a) King Street Rejuvenation

T. Stadt spoke to the challenges experienced by those with disabilities when attempting to maneuver wheelchairs and scooters over cobblestone/patio sidewalks, and requested that the Town Engineer be made aware of these concerns when considering the King Street rejuvenation.

T. Stadt also requested that accessible parking spaces be identified with vertical signage in addition to painted ground indicators to ensure these

spaces remain available to people with disabilities. T. Stadt also spoke to the importance of enforcement.

**8. Next Meeting**

Tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 2, 2017, at 2:00 pm in the Municipal Office Council Chambers.

**9. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

*K Desroches*

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K. Desroches  
Acting Clerk