

## **SCHEDULE 'A'**

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### **City Of North Bay**

### **Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee (MAAC)**

### **2023 Annual Report**

#### **a) Background**

This report reflects activities undertaken by the North Bay Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee (MAAC) during 2021.

#### **b) Summary of Activities – Year 2023**

##### **a) Committee Membership – 2023**

Barbra Smith (Chair)  
Linda Thomas-Ouellette (Vice-Chair)  
Robert Nielsen  
Suzanne Nielsen  
Andrew Gustafson  
Phil Geden  
Robert Irvine  
Councillor Gardner (City Council Representative)

##### **Staff:**

Adam Curran Secretary-Treasurer

##### **b) Meetings of the Committee**

The Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee met eight (8) times in 2023. Meetings generally take place the second Thursday of every month, at 12 p.m.

##### **c) Municipal Projects**

A standard practice has been established where once the capital budget has been approved by Council, Municipal Staff will send their projects to MAAC. MAAC will review these projects and invite staff members to come and discuss projects of interest to MAAC.

MAAC meetings are regularly attended by City Staff. This allows Staff to receive feedback from the Committee regarding the accessibility of existing and proposed policies, programs, services, facilities and infrastructure. It is also an opportunity for MAAC members to gain a greater understanding of municipal processes and projects.

### **Adult Change Tables –**

MAAC played an important role in the establishment of the Adult Change Table. MAAC learnt that the Building Code requires adequate space for an Adult Change Table, but there is no requirement to install the table. MAAC suggested that an Adult Change Table to be added to the newly constructed facility at Olmsted Beach.

### **Main Street –**

City Staff have consulted with MAAC on the Main Street redesign. MAAC was invited on-site to review the different sidewalk options. MAAC made suggestions and recommendations based on different disabilities, and City Staff chose the sidewalk finish with the input MAAC provided.

### **Presentation from Alzheimer's Society –**

MAAC had a presentation from the Alzheimer Society. The presentation provided training on how to enhance public spaces for people living with Alzheimer's.

### **Farmer's Market**

MAAC had a booth at the Farmer's Market during Accessibility Week. MAAC spoke with members of the public about MAAC's role, successes, and areas they are still working with Staff on.

MAAC would like to thank the Mayor and City Council for their support for accessibility in the Community.

Respectfully submitted,

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Barb Smith  
Chair, North Bay Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

