

SCHEDULE 'A'

City Of North Bay

Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee (MAAC)

2021 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 2021

a) Committee Membership – 2020

Barbra Smith (Chair)
Sharyn Emond(Vice-Chair)
Robert Nielsen
Suzanne Nielsen
Linda Thomas-Ouellette
Michael Whitney
Kevin McKenna
Andrea Demers
Councillor Robertson (City Council Representative)

Staff:

Adam Curran Secretary-Treasurer

b) Meetings of the Committee

The Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee met nine (9) times in 2021. Meetings generally take place the first Thursday of every month, at 12 p.m., meetings have been transitioned into electronic meetings via Zoom and MAAC has elected to move the regular meetings to the second Thursday of the month.

c) Municipal Projects

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.

Municipal Staff attended MAAC meetings to explain and detail upcoming Municipal projects. It is a requirement under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (2005) (AODA) that Municipal infrastructure projects are presented to MAAC for review and comments.

In 2021, MAAC heard from many different departments within the City of outgoing projects. The items that were discussed with MAAC where the following:

- Parks Master Plan;
- New Community Centre;
- Dynamic Bus Service;
- Armstrong Park Redevelopment;
- Transit Terminal Renovation;
- Engineering and Public Works projects;
- Boardwalk at the Waterfront; and
- Main Street Redevelopment.

MAAC is thankful that City Staff is consulting with the Committee on a regular basis. A couple projects that MAAC would like to highlight and thank City Council for is the Armstrong Park Redevelopment and inclusion of Adult Change Tables in the 2022 budget.

The Parks Department engaged with MAAC early in the process of the Armstrong Park redevelopment. MAAC identified some concerns with grading coming into the park, accessible parking spaces, accessible picnic tables and access to the water. In the end Parks was able to implement a truly well designed accessible park.

Parks was able to use a portion of the beach mat from Marathon Beach to provide access to the water. The grading was completed in a way to help gain access to sitting areas and play structures.

MAAC would like to thank Parks and City Council for creating an Accessible Playground and Park Space.

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MAAC will revisit our priorities and see which topics we would like to work on in 2022. MAAC will continue to work with the Transit Department on the Para Bus and try and make the services offered the best they can be.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Smith
Chair, North Bay Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee