

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
**MINUTES**

Fire Administration Building  
61 Dundas Street, Paris  
Monday, September 21, 2009  
1:15 p.m.

PRESENT: Members Davis, Fairchild, Newstead, Lawrence, McCall and Weir

STAFF Scrivener, and Wilson

REGRETS: Gravelle, Atkinson, Atfield, Sawicki, Leighfield, Cruickshank.

Frank Fairchild in the Chair.

**Minutes**

Approval of the minutes from the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of July 20, 2009 was deferred until the next meeting.

**Nominees for the Accessibility Awards, 2010.**

Discussion took place regarding accessible buildings in Paris. Member Newstead commended Paris Dental Centre (Smile City) for providing a doorbell, as well as automatic entrance doors.

Committee discussed the County Library buildings and will need to determine if nomination of a County Building is considered a conflict of interest. Further discussion on this topic will take place at the next meeting.

**Other Business**

1. Karen McCall reported that she has been asked to speak at Section 508 Coordinators Conference in Gettysburg, in November, on the topic of Accessible Word Documents. Committee will look forward to a report back from her.
2. Committee requested an update on the status of Karen McCall's membership to the Accessibility Advisory Committee. The Recording Secretary will verify this information with the Clerk's division.
3. Member Lawrence raised concern over the lack of maneuverability along the sidewalks, in the town of Paris, due the outdoor displays of inventory on the sidewalks. It was noted that the display makes it difficult for wheelchairs to maneuver, as well as pedestrians.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of safety issues for pedestrians with and without wheelchairs, as well as for drivers in downtown Paris. It was noted that drivers typically do not obey the flashing crosswalk signals. Karen McCall suggested that an audible crosswalk may assist individuals with visual impairments.

Further discussion took place regarding the number of signs directing traffic through downtown Paris. It was noted that the signage creates a visual impairment for drivers by drawing their attention in too many different directions.

Committee will continue discussion on the topic of accessibility in downtown Paris should continue at the next meeting, as well as an examination of any bylaws relating to use of outside space by store vendors, as well as traffic signs.

4. In response to a question, the Library Branch Coordinator noted that she will research Paris Jewelers building, to determine the nature of the current renovations.

#### **Adjournment and Next Meeting**

The Committee adjourned at 2:00 p.m. to meet again on Monday, October 19, 2009 at 1:00 p.m., Fire Administration Building, 61 Dundas Street, Paris.

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Secretary