

## ACCESSIBILITY WORKING GROUP MEETING MINUTES

October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 - 10:30 a.m.

**Location:** T.E. Snure Room, A. R. McDiarmid Building

**Chair:** Sandra Wallace

### Employees Present:

Jeff Elliot	Mike Messel	Robert Stewart	Deb Day
Amanda Dupuis	Jeff Green	Tyson Fisher	Reg Simms
Shengxu Li	Brian Ursel	Aaron Kaluzniak	Cory Parrott
Sandra Wallace			

### Regrets:

Dean Hammond	Kirby Sararas	Brian Kayes	Debbie Nelson
Tracey Averill	Amber Chapil		

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- Introduce Teresa Gibbons. She and her husband were members of the Accessibility Sub Committee from the beginning.

### 2. Presentation by Teresa Gibbons

- Thanks for inviting me.
- *She gave some background information about where she grew up and a bit about her life.*
- Last winter I had an incident on Handi-Transit. I was out when it was -38. When I got home the door wouldn't unlock. The driver tried the key and also couldn't get it to work. I suggested he take me to the police station. I didn't get as much help as I would like.
- After I got in I decided I had to do something to prevent this from happening again and to help others who may be in the same situation. I have no neighbors that have accessible housing.
- I contacted some people to see what they could help me with, talked with a number of people and it was suggested that I needed to do a survey.
- I surveyed people from three mobility places, my friends, seniors for seniors, and other organizations. *She reviewed the results of the 20 surveys she received back with us.*
- I am creating an emergency kit. The kit comes in a fanny pack. In it is a gift card, key holders, zipper pulls, loonie, emergency blanket, keys that are attached somewhere, lock de-icer, Kleenex, socks, hot packs, pens & pencils, an information card that has your name, your doctor's name, and some other personal information (card provided by Ventures),
- Hoping to have a summer kit that would include hand wipes, hand sanitizer, a radio, backpack, sunscreen and Aloe Vera.
- The key thing to have is the phone.
- Would like to have someone go out with someone like Reg (Transit Trainer) go through emergency scenarios to help people prepare. Ask them what would you do

if your chair broke, or if your car breaks down or your walker breaks. That is even more important for those with disabilities to do.

- Need to start with awareness.
- To put a kit together would be around \$50. I would either sell them or give them away. I could go to local businesses and ask for donations. Have a letter drafted up asking if they would like to participate.
- Calling it SAFE-T (for Teresa) Kit.
- I am very passionate about this. I think it is very important.

### **Sandra Wallace**

- I brought Theresa here to tell us about her project and get any feedback the Working Group may have on what could be provided in a kit.
- The City has helped with the project by printing the surveys and providing a bit of financial help to put the kit together.

### **Discussion and questions about the kit between the Committee and Teresa.**

The meeting was adjourned after Teresa's presentation at approximately 11:30 a.m.

### **3. Next Meeting date to be determined.**