1. Roll Call

Present: Mary Armstrong, Jennifer Aucoin, Lisa Hooper, Terry Stortz, Sandy Gdyczynski, Sarah Manary, Brian Gall, Chris Ayres
Also Present: M. Figueiredo, J. Sawicki, M. Visocchi, S. Stewart
Regrets: Brenda Ronald, Jarrot Zehr, Doreen Fader, Bev Davidson, Councillor Van Tilborg

2. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

NONE

3. Presentations / Delegations (list, if any, available at meeting)

NONE

4. Items for Consideration

4.1 National Access Awareness Week

Moved by Chris Ayres
Seconded by Mary Armstrong

WHEREAS 15.9% of Ontario's population is living with some form of disability and that number is expected to increase;

WHEREAS disability awareness and education is important to create a culture of better understanding towards persons with disabilities;

WHEREAS the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) was given Royal Assent in 2005 mandating that standards regarding accessibility shall be developed, implemented and be under enforcement by 2025;

WHEREAS standards in the areas of customer service, information and communication, employment, transportation and the built environment have been legislated to remove and prevent barriers;

WHEREAS the City of Brantford has adopted the Principles of Universal Design and the Brantford Facility Accessibility Design Standards (FADS) for all future building and renovations of City facilities;
WHEREAS the City of Brantford has an active Accessibility Advisory Committee with a mandate to eliminate barriers, which prevent individuals with disabilities from fully participating in our community;

WHEREAS the City of Brantford has been taking positive steps towards the attainment of a more universally accessible City for all residents and visitors;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Brantford hereby proclaims the week May 26 to June 1, 2019 as National Access Awareness Week in the City Of Brantford.

CARRIED

4.2 Update on Council and Committee Voting Resolution (no copy) – M. Figueiredo

M. Figueiredo informed the Committee that the Resolution regarding Council and Committee voting, as passed at the March Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting, was passed by Brantford City Council at its Meeting on March 26, 2019. The City’s procedural by-law has now been revised to reflect this change.

4.3 AODA Webinar Viewing, provided by the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility (no copy)

Webinar materials were not mad available by the Province in time for this meeting, so the webinar will be deferred at a later meeting.

5. Consent Items

5.1 Minutes

Moved by Mary Armstrong
Seconded by Chris Ayres

THAT the minutes of the February 20th Special Brantford Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED

5.2 Updates (no copy)

5.2.1 Facilities – No staff present at Meeting

5.2.2 Transit – No staff present at Meeting

5.2.3 Communications – No staff present at Meeting
5.2.4 National Access Awareness Week – May 26 to June 1, 2019

M. Visocchi provided a background of existing advertising strategies for the Awards, and suggested that, going forward, the Committee may want to look into further promoting award winners (such as a website write-up, etc.).

The Committee requested that this item be included on future agendas, in order to begin the planning process earlier for the next Awards cycle.

J. Sawicki and M. Visocchi then provided an update on the award applications submitted so far. The Committee discussed the merits of the nominations.

Through discussion, the Committee felt that it may be beneficial to extend the deadline for nominations, as they believed there was potential to engage with other community partners to generate a wide pool of nominations for consideration.

Moved by Sarah Manary
Seconded by Sandy Gdyczynski

THAT the deadline to receive Award nomination BE EXTENDED to April 19, 2019.

CARRIED

5.2.5 Traffic Signals – No staff present at meeting.

6. Notice of Motion

None

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on May 2nd, 2019.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:53 pm.