

**City Of North Bay**  
**Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee (MAAC)**  
**2018 Annual Report**

**a) Background**

This report reflects activities undertaken by the North Bay Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee (MAAC) during 2018.

**b) Summary of Activities – Year 2018**

**a) Committee Membership – 2018**

Nora Long (Chair)  
Sharon Moseley-Williams (Vice-Chair)  
Brian Bibeault  
Sharyn Emond  
Robert Nielsen  
Suzanne Nielsen  
Barbra Smith  
Barb Bryant  
Councillor Anthony (City Council Representative)

Staff:  
Adam Curran Secretary-Treasurer  
Luc Lirette (City Transit Representative)

**b) Meetings of the Committee**

The Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee met ten (10) times in 2018. Meetings generally take place the first Thursday of every month, at 12 p.m. at City Hall.

**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 2018, MAAC heard from Paula M<sup>c</sup>Closkey and Adam Lacombe with regards to the Kate Pace Extension. Adam Lacombe also spoke and explained the Sidewalk fracture crack pilot project. David Schroeder spoke of the new proposed play equipment in Lee Park.

Jeff Celantano and Jim Evans from the Rotary Clubs of North Bay presented the proposed Splash Pad.

#### **d) Activities**

MAAC continued its participation as a member of the Age Friendly Coordinating Committee of North Bay (AFCC) with Nora Long representing MAAC at AFCC meetings. MAAC participated in the Age Friendly Expo. During the Expo a table was set up to raise awareness of MAAC and their initiatives.

MAAC also participated in the North Bay and District Chamber of Commerce for their 'Discover Ability Workshop', on Thursday May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Five (5) members of the MAAC were present and found the workshop to be very informative.

#### **e) Awareness Initiatives**

MAAC participated during Accessibility Awareness week and had a booth set up at the Farmers Market. Mayor McDonald tweeted out an awareness message every day during the accessibility awareness week.

MAAC partnered with local businesses who donated materials to build ramps to provide access to currently inaccessible buildings. MAAC received advice and direction from Access2all founders Nadine Law and Dan Lebrun. Access2all is a non-for-profit group out of Sudbury that works with Community Partners to build ramps to provide to local businesses.

MAAC received the necessary material donated and built one ramp to be displayed at the Farmers Market, the ramp was then donated to New Ontario Brewery to provide access into their brewery. In 2019, MAAC has enough materials to build 11 more ramps and has partnered with the Design Class at Scollard Hall to build the ramps for local businesses.

#### **f) 2018 Work Program**

The Committee and staff are preparing a formal work program for 2019. The first meeting of the new MAAC will be held on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 to discuss the short and long term priorities. This program may include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Inform Council of Provincial Standards and Legislation, as they become available.
2. Create a social network presence for the MAAC Committee.
3. Continue to increase community awareness of accessibility issues.
4. Review and comment on policies, programs, services and new and existing municipal facilities and infrastructure.
5. Host guest speakers from various municipal departments and outside agencies.
6. Look for solutions to on-going accessibility issues in North Bay.

Respectfully submitted,

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Former Chair, North Bay Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

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Brian Bibeault  
Chair, North Bay Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee