The Halton Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, August 25th, 2010 at 6:35 p.m., in the Esquesing Room, Halton Hills Civic Centre.

Members Present: Councillor M. Johnson, Chair; Councillor J. Hurst, Vice Chair; A. Tutty; R. McKnight; M. Lowe; M. Smorong; C. Kenopic (arrived at 6:44 p.m.); J. Fewster; B. Montemurro

Regrets: K. Hefferman; B. Leslie

Staff Present: K. Withers, Community Standards Coordinator

Others Present: R. Reynolds, Ontario Interpreters Service
D. Hamilton, Ontario Interpreters Service
T. Bentley, Rotary Club of Georgetown
H. Hope, Rotary Club of Georgetown
B. Thomas, Rotary Club of Georgetown
B. Edington, Rotary Club of Georgetown

1. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**
   
   NIL

2. **Adoption of Minutes**

   Recommendation No. HHAAC-2010-0008

   THAT the Minutes of the Halton Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on June 23, 2010 be adopted.

   CARRIED

3. **Announcements**

   NIL

4. **Delegations/Presentations/Audits**

   A. Tom Bentley, Bryan Thomas, Barry Edington and Harry Hope from the Rotary Club of Georgetown made a presentation to the Halton Hills Accessibility Committee regarding the Universally Accessible Children’s Playground (UACP) in Georgetown.

   T. Bentley advised that Council had approved the Rotary Club of Georgetown in leading a project to provide, one Universally Accessible Children’s Playground in an existing Georgetown park. T. Bentley indicated that the club had agreed to provide the research and analysis to determine which one of the 39 parks would be best suited.

   T. Bentley advised that once a park had been determined and would meet the requirements of special needs that the Rotary Club would work with the Town's
Parks Department regarding the design, specific equipment, and the location within the park. H. Hope indicated that he had spoken to many people to get their input. B. Edington and B. Thomas indicated that if the Georgetown project was successful then Acton would be looked at next.

5. Regional Update

C. Kenopic to provide an updated on the meeting of the Region of Halton Accessibility Advisory Committee.

To be provided at next Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting September 29th, 2010.

6. Staff Updates

A. Assistive Technology Items for Consideration for the new Library

Councillor Johnson thanked all those Accessibility Advisory Committee members who attend the Assistive Technology meeting for items that are being considered for the new libraries.

J. Fewester advised they only items that could not be address were regarding hearing impaired items.

C. Kenopic indicated he would be happy to assist the library staff with these issues, and that staff forward C. Kenopic contact information to the Director of Library Services.

B. Coloured Crosswalks for Downtown – J. Fewster

J. Fewster advised that while doing the Walkability Workshop in Georgetown attention was paid to the coloured markings on the roadway along Main Street. J. Fewster indicated that many residents feel this is the crosswalk when there is no signage indicating it is a crossing area. J. Fewster spoke to M. Roj, Traffic Coordinator who indicated this is not an actual crosswalk and that the area is where residents can cross when it is safe to do so. J. Fewster also advised that M. Roj is looking at bringing in a machine to take the colour off to alleviate any further problems.


J. Fewster addressed the Committee regarding the Walkability Workshop held on July 21, 2010 in Georgetown. J. Fewster advised the Phase 2 workshop like the previous one held in Acton was designed to make Georgetown a more walkable area for those residents who have various mobility issues and devices. The workshop was attended by many local groups within Halton Region such as the Town of Halton Hills, Halton Region Police and Links2care. J. Fewster advised that some of the issues were cut outs on and bad curbs in some areas of the Town.

D. Joint AAC meeting event on September 30, 2010. – K. Withers

K. Withers advised that all the travel arrangements had been made with Out n’ About for the committee members, and that the Town of Oakville was looking forwarded to hosting the meeting and having all committee members together on September 30, 2010.

E. Challenges of Sidewalks in Acton – Councillor Hurst

Councillor Hurst advised the committee that on July 5, 2010, Mayor R. Bonnette, D. Spear, Superintendent of Public Works, Councillor C. Somerville met with a resident of Acton in order to take a look at some of the obstacles that she faces in Acton. Councillor Hurst indicated that the walk was a good experience and that some of the minor issues would be addressed right away by Public Works. Other area’s that need to be repaired or replaced would be put on a priority list with
important issues such as brick repairs on the sidewalk being fixed as quickly as possible. Councillor Hurst indicated they were very pleased that they had taken the time to look at the areas’ and that it was very positive.

7. **Communications/Discussion Items**
   
   NIL

8. **New Business**

9. **Adjournment**

   The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

10. **Next Scheduled Meeting** Wednesday September 29, 2010

    Esquesing Board Room

    6:30 pm