

Awareness and Education Working Group Notes

Thursday June 4th, 2015

Present: Marilyn Wilson, Jana Mareckova, Cheryl Hitchen (staff resource)

Regrets: Robert Goddard, Donna Huff , Debbi Miller (staff resource)

1. Access Awards

Discussion on last year and previous years' events. Decisions for this year's event:

- Hold event at Invista again
- No entertainment
- Food similar to last year
- Have table displays for nominees to share information
- Inform community agencies early about the opportunity to have table displays at the event
- Promote the event more than in past years and start early in September
- Deadline for applications should be October 30, 2015
- Applications will be reviewed immediately following the MAAC meeting
- Have information about the awards available at the Fall Leisure Showcase
- Advertise if possible in the Leisure guide (editor's note – too late for guide but if space becomes available we are first in line)
- Send information to accessibility list-serve
- **Action:** Cheryl to provide committee with the list of people on the list serve)
- Use social media to get the word out across the community

2. Public Awareness campaign

Discussion on potential themes for a campaign. Idea of doing a campaign on accessible parking spaces. How to report if you see misuse? How to get a pass if you need one?

Action: Cheryl to check on stats on misuse of spaces with Parking and Customer Service and to share concern list from Customer Service with working groups to identify any themes emerging

3. Training Sessions

Cheryl identified that two lunch and learn sessions on Dementia are being held for staff on June 16th and 18th.

Action: Cheryl to follow up with Sheri at Transit to see if there are any specific training sessions that could be given to Kingston Transit drivers as they were identified by the Poverty Roundtable as the "face of the City"

4. MAAC Nomination form

Marilyn raised the issue of the application for being on committees and the public process. Need to find a way to have people acknowledge whether or not they are a person with a disability without this information being public. Perhaps a separate document from the standard application could deal with this question and those documents not be made public.

Action: Cheryl to follow up with the Clerk's office on this

Next Meeting: July 9th 2015 following MAAC Meeting.