

Present: Poonam Dewan (logged off at 8:00 p.m.)
Naji Hassan
Liam Lacy
Denise Laframboise
Dave MacKinnon, Chair
Paul Scott, Vice-Chair
Ayse Yuksel

Also Present: John Romano, Commissioner, Community Services
Michele Cotton, Staff Liaison, Accessibility Coordinator
Heather Ellis, Council and Committee Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: None noted

Call to Order

1. Disclosures of Interest

1.1 There were no disclosures of interest.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes - April 5, 2022

Recommendation:

Moved By Naji Hassan

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes of April 5, 2022 be approved.

Carried

3. General Business and Reports

3.1 Accessibility Survey Update

Michele Cotton advised that the Accessibility Survey was still open to the public. Ms. Cotton stated that she would provide details regarding the survey when it closed.

3.2 Regional Accessibility Awards

Michele Cotton requested feedback from the Committee regarding nominations for the Regional Accessibility Awards. Ms. Cotton requested that Members bring forward nominations at the June Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- feedback received from the community; and,
- the plan for a ramp and elevator at the Masonic Lodge on Cochrane Street.

3.3 Report a Barrier Program Update

Paul Scott provided an update regarding the Report a Barrier Program which included:

- details of the Report a Barrier Program in the Town of Collingwood;
- types of barriers being reported in Collingwood such as curb cuts, and lack of trail access and accessible programming;
- the number of barriers reported per year in Collingwood;
- the response time for rectifying barriers reported in Collingwood;
- promoting a Report a Barrier Program in Whitby and using the Town of Collingwood's report as a template;
- the current process for submitting complaints within the Town; and,
- providing a mechanism to upload photos with the Report a Barrier form.

A brief question and answer period ensued regarding what the next steps were in order to implement a Report a Barrier Program in the Town of Whitby.

3.4 Public Education Session: Intersectionality Webinar - National AccessAbility Awareness Week (May 29 - June 4, 2022)

Michele Cotton stated that Shauna Moore would be presenting at the Intersectionality Webinar hosted by the Accessibility Advisory Committee and Whitby Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee. Ms. Cotton advised that the Webinar would be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. She stated that the presentation would

be 40 to 45 minutes followed by a 15 minute Q & A. Ms. Cotton advised that the presentation would discuss intersectionality, including how individuals interact within communities.

3.5 Subcommittee Updates

Site Plans and Built Environment Subcommittee

Dave MacKinnon provided an update regarding the Site Plans and Built Environment Subcommittee. Mr. MacKinnon stated that the site plans reviewed by the subcommittee had ongoing issues that had been previously raised several times.

Michele Cotton stated that the public consultation was open for the Comprehensive Zoning By-law Project. Ms. Cotton further stated that this was a four phase project designed to combine the Town's three Zoning By-laws into one Comprehensive Zoning By-law.

Communication and Customer Service Subcommittee

Paul Scott provided an update regarding the Communication and Customer Service Subcommittee which included:

- the Accessibility Survey;
- the Report a Barrier Program; and,
- the response rate for the survey and ways to increase response rates for future initiatives.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- when the Subcommittee could begin reviewing the survey responses; and,
- how incomplete or multiple submissions of the survey would skew the overall results.

4. Council Update

4.1 There was no Council update.

5. Other Business

5.1 Accessibility Improvement Lead Grant Application

Ayse Yuksel requested an update regarding the application received for the Accessibility Improvement Lead Grant.

Michele Cotton advised that she was meeting with Melly's Market and Cafe to review paperwork and process. Ms. Cotton stated that she would provide an update once more information was available.

5.2 Bill 109

Liam Lacy requested information regarding Bill 109.

John Romano provided a brief overview of Bill 109 and how it may impact municipalities.

5.3 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meetings for Remainder of 2022

Dave MacKinnon requested an update regarding the meeting format for the remainder of the Accessibility Advisory Committee's 2018-2022 term.

Heather Ellis advised that Staff Report CLK 02-22, Board and Advisory Committee Streamlining and 2022-2026 Recruitment Schedule would be presented at the May 9, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Dave MacKinnon requested feedback from the Committee regarding meetings and the work plan for the remainder of 2022.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- continuing subcommittee meetings throughout the summer; and,
- meeting ad hoc throughout the summer.

6. Next Meeting

6.1 Tuesday, June 7, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

7. Adjournment

7.1 Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Liam Lacy

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Note: These minutes were approved by the Accessibility Advisory Committee on June 7, 2022.