

Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes
May 1, 2018 -7:00 pm
Committee Room One
Whitby Municipal Building

Present: Jeffrey Beaton, Vice-Chair
Naji Hassan
Denise Laframboise
James Lawrie, Chair
Niki Lundquist
Herb Paquette

Also Present: Councillor Leahy, Mayor's Designate
Alison Albrecht, Supervisor of Parking Services
Michele Cotton, Staff Liaison, Accessibility Coordinator
Laura MacDougall, Council and Committee Coordinator
Heather Oerlemans, Council and Committee Coordinator
(Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Allyson Partridge-Rios

The meeting began at 7:04 p.m.

1. Disclosures of Interest

1.1 There were no disclosures of interest.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes - April 3, 2018

Recommendation:

The Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes of April 3, 2018 were amended as follows:

- Item 3.1, a third paragraph was added that reads, "Staff committed to providing feedback and sending site plans to the Staff Liaison for circulation to the Committee, and to follow up with the Town Solicitor regarding the legal requirement to circulate site plans to the Accessibility Advisory Committee".

Moved By Denise Laframboise

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes of April 3, 2018, as amended, be approved.

Carried

3. Presentations/Deputations

3.1 Alison Albrecht, Supervisor of Parking Services
Re: Parking Master Plan

Alison Albrecht, Supervisor of Parking Services, appeared before the Committee to present information regarding the Parking Master Plan. Key highlights of the presentation included:

- developing a parking management plan that would address the parking needs for downtown Whitby and Brooklin;
- ensuring an efficient and sustainable parking system over the short, medium, and long term;
- an overview of the financial assessment review;
- the feedback received from public consultations held on November 24 and December 1, 2017;
- including the balancing of the needs of all modes of transportation, long term planning to ensure sufficient parking opportunities, and achieving long term financial sustainability for Whitby's downtown parking operations;
- the exemption review for accessible parking permits;
- new accessible parking spots with an example of on-street accessible parking; and
- a survey which would address current residential parking and the need for a residential on-street parking permit program.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of the Committee and Ms. Albrecht with respect to:

- the need to extend current parking restrictions through the downtown;
- using on-street parking as a method of slowing traffic through residential areas;
- parking permits and seasonal restrictions for snow clearing;
- "unbundling the community" as a strategy for residential parking whereby houses and parking spaces would be sold separately;
- parking structures and temporary parking structures as part of a twenty year forecast to accommodate parking needs; and
- increased parking fines for repeat offenders.

4. General Business and Reports

4.1 Accessibility Report to Council

Michele Cotton advised the Committee that Whitby's comments on employment standards had been received by the Province.

4.2 Accessibility Award Nominations - Regional Award

Michele Cotton advised that the Committee would begin considering nominations for the Accessibility Award. Ms. Cotton advised members to bring nominations to the June 5, 2018 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting for review.

Niki Lundquist nominated Farmboy for the Accessibility Award based on hiring policies and a planned grocery delivery service.

4.3 Subcommittee Updates

Customer Service and Communications Subcommittee

James Lawrie provided an update regarding the Customer Service and Communication Subcommittee. Mr. Lawrie advised that another meeting would be scheduled before the end of the month.

Site Plan and Built Environment Subcommittee

Jeffrey Beaton provided an update regarding the Site Plan and Built Environment Subcommittee which included the review of the following locations:

- parking concerns at the Durham Christian Homes Seniors' Housing, Assisted Living and Longterm Care located at 200 Glen Hill Drive South;
- the change room stall sizes, accessible washrooms, shower motion sensors, and the location of lifeguard doors in relation to seating at the Whitby Civic Recreation Complex;
- particulars related to the proposed floor plan at the Whitby Garden Street YMCA Centre;
- particulars related to the provision of rest areas and benches for the proposed multi-use path located along Rossland Road West; and
- review of rest areas would be required for all recreation trails.

5. Correspondence

5.1 There was no correspondence.

6. Council Update

6.1 Councillor Leahy provided the following updates:

- the addition of new, accessible structures at Fallingbrook Park;
- Town comments regarding the Accessible Employment Standards;
- construction of a new park by the lake; and
- the closure of Rossland Road to accommodate construction of on-ramps for the 407.

7. Other Business

7.1 Herb Paquette attended the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities focus group and provided an update of the event to the Committee.

8. Next Meeting

8.1 Tuesday, June 5, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.
Committee Room One, Whitby Municipal Building

9. Adjournment

9.1 Motion to adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Jeffrey Beaton

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

H. Oerlemans, Council/Committee
Coordinator

James Lawrie, Committee Chair