

Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes
February 6, 2018 -7:00 pm
Committee Room One
Whitby Municipal Building

Present: Jeffrey Beaton, Vice-Chair
Denise Laframboise
James Lawrie, Chair
Herb Paquette
Allyson Partridge-Rios

Also Present: Michele Cotton, Staff Liaison, Accessibility Coordinator
Laura MacDougall, Council and Committee Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Naji Hassan
Niki Lundquist

1. Disclosures of Interest

1.1 There were no disclosures of interest.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes - January 16, 2018

Recommendation:

Moved By Denise Laframboise

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes of January 16, 2018 be approved.

Carried

3. Presentations/Deputations

3.1 There were no presentations.

4. General Business and Reports

4.1 New Member Introduction

Each Member present introduced themselves to Herb Paquette, one of the newest appointed members to the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

4.2 Dynamic Symbol Follow-up Discussion

James Lawrie provided details on the proposed changes to the International Symbol of Access. He advised that because the proposed symbol is not approved by the Ministry of Transportation, parking tickets could not be issued for illegal parking in modified disabled parking spaces.

Michele Cotton advised that the proposed motion related to the modified symbol of access has been put on hold until the symbol is recognized internationally. She further advised that a number of municipalities in the Region of Durham are not supporting the movement of changing the symbol until it is accepted on an international level.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- whether Durham Regional Police enforce unlawful parking in disabled parking spaces; and,
- clarification that local municipalities enforce parking violations.

4.3 Letter of Support – Recreation Grant Application

Michele Cotton advised that the Parks and Recreation Division is partnering with the Abilities Centre to submit a grant application to Jumpstart. She advised that the grant would facilitate inclusion services support; build and expand existing inclusion services into the Town's recreation programs and camps; as well as assist in the construction of an indoor accessible playground at the Abilities Centre. Ms. Cotton noted that the funding would offset costs associated with accommodations for specific needs and support for individuals with disabilities. She further advised that the Town of Whitby is an administrator for the Jumpstart Program and that families with low income may apply to the Town to assist with the costs of programs.

Recommendation:

Moved By Herb Paquette

That Michele Cotton prepare a letter of support from the Accessibility Advisory Committee with respect to the Recreation Grant Application to Jumpstart.

Carried

4.4 Work Plan Recommendations/Updates

Michele Cotton requested that the Committee review the 2018 Work Plan in order to determine whether any items could be added or removed. It was the consensus of the Committee to defer the matter of the Work Plan to the next meeting scheduled to take place on March 6, 2018.

4.5 Provincial Resources

Michele Cotton advised that she had previously e-mailed the Accessibility Survey from the Accessibility Directorate of Ontario to Members of the Committee and inquired whether any members had completed the online survey. She further advised that she completed the survey on behalf of the Town and that the submission deadline was February 9, 2018.

4.6 Subcommittee Updates

Customer Service and Communications

Allyson Partridge-Rios advised that the Customer Service and Communications Subcommittee did not meet in January; therefore there was no update.

Site Plan and Built Environment

Jeffrey Beaton provided an update regarding the site plan and built environment subcommittee which included a meeting with Andrea Dale, Engineering Technologist, prior to the AAC meeting regarding the following projects:

- details of the proposed trail access and trail around the stormwater management pond located south of Rossland Road on Des Newman Boulevard in West Whitby; and,
- particulars related to the provision of rest areas and benches for the proposed multi-use trail through the Hydro Electric Power Corridor Trail from Dundas Street to Nichol Avenue.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Upcoming Age-Friendly workshops

Michele Cotton provided details of the upcoming seniors workshop series which included:

- the Cycling Workshop scheduled to take place on Tuesday, March 28, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Whitby Seniors' Activity Centre;
- Fraud and Elder Abuse Awareness workshop scheduled to take place on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Whitby Seniors' Activity Centre; and,
- a play entitled, "I'm Still Here!" scheduled to take place on Thursday, March 8, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Centennial Building Theatre.

A brief question and answer period ensued regarding how the workshops would be advertised and whether there was a restriction on the number of attendees for the workshops.

6. Council Update

- 6.1** Councillor Leahy was not in attendance. Therefore there was no Council update.

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7. Other Business

- 7.1** Draft Accessibility Impacts Checklist

Michele Cotton advised that she had circulated the Ottawa checklist to Members of the Committee for review and feedback. The Committee undertook a detailed review of the draft accessibility impacts checklist and made revisions. Ms. Cotton advised that she would review and update the document and would bring it back to the Committee at its

next meeting scheduled to take place on March 6, 2018.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- implementation and use of the checklist by the City of Ottawa;
- the intent of the proposed checklist to be completed in conjunction with all report writing within the Town;
- attachment of the completed checklist to all reports submitted to Council;
- the desire of the Committee to implement the checklist; and,
- whether the City of Toronto has and/or uses such a checklist.

7.2 Subcommittee Appointments

Herb Paquette inquired about the process for the appointment to a subcommittee.

Michele Cotton advised Mr. Paquette that he could choose between the Customer Service and Communications and the Site Plan and Built Environment subcommittees and advise her of his decision prior the next meeting.

8. Next Meeting

8.1 Tuesday, March 6, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.
Committee Room 1, Whitby Municipal Building

9. Adjournment

9.1 Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Jeffrey Beaton

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

L. MacDougall, Council and
Committee Coordinator

James Lawrie, Committee Chair

