

Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes  
November 5, 2019 - 7:00 PM  
Committee Room One  
Whitby Town Hall

**Present:** Jeffrey Beaton, Vice-Chair  
Naji Hassan  
Liam Lacy  
Denise Laframboise  
Dave MacKinnon  
Ayse Yuksel

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

**Regrets:** Alexander German  
James Lawrie, Chair  
Andres Partridge-Rios

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1. Disclosures of Interest

1.1 There were no disclosures of interest.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes - October 1, 2019

Recommendation:

Moved By Liam Lacy

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes of October 1, 2019  
be approved.

**Carried**

3. Presentations

3.1 There were no presentations.

4. Delegations

4.1 There were no delegations.

5. General Business and Reports

5.1 2019-2022 Accessibility Work Plan

Michele Cotton advised that the Accessibility Work Plan would be finalized and sent to Council for approval at the December 16, 2019 Council meeting. Ms. Cotton further advised that additional updates would be made in November and that the final draft would be circulated to the Committee for review.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- whether a progress update concerning accessibility measures to the Town website would be included in the Accessibility Work Plan; and,
- whether non-compliant items would be included on the report.

5.2 Regional Joint Forum Summary

Jeffrey Beaton advised that Whitby's challenger baseball presentation was well received.

Ayse Yuksel advised that the Regional Joint Forum was very informative, particularly the segment that focused on the intersectionality of disability and how definitions of disability influence public perception.

5.3 Transportation Network Companies Fund Terms of Reference Report to Council

There was no update to the Transportation Network Companies Fund Terms of Reference Report to Council.

5.4 Subcommittee Updates

Denise Laframboise advised that the Site Plan and Built Environment Subcommittee reviewed five projects including:

- Nova's Ark on Cedarbrook Trail;
- the Durham Islamic Centre at 4618 Country Lane;
- 4200 Garden Street;
- Valero Energy Inc. at 1818 Hopkins Street; and,
- the 17 townhouse development on Thickson Road on the northwest side of Dryden Boulevard.

Ms. Laframboise advised that curb adjustments for accessible parking was an issue for each property.

Ayşe Yüksel provided an update regarding the Customer Service and Communication Subcommittee and advised that the subcommittee discussed organizational changes in the Town in relation to stress management and mental health. Ms Ayşe advised that the Employee Family Assistance Program (EFAP) was established but the information was not accessible. She further advised that an awareness project on mental health was planned for December 3, 2019 to provide information to Town Staff regarding stress management in the workforce.

Michele Cotton advised that the December 3, 2019 project would be finalized next week.

6. Correspondence

**6.1** There was no correspondence.

7. Council Update

**7.1** There was no Council update.

8. Other Business

**8.1** Iroquois Park

John Romano advised that a recommendation was put forward to Regional Council to dedicate \$30,000 to improve accessibility for sledge hockey at Iroquois Park. Mr. Romano further advised that Iroquois Park Sports Centre would be the host site for the Box Lacrosse if the bid submission by Sport Durham to host the 2022 Ontario Summer Games was successful.

9. Next Meeting

**9.1** Tuesday, January 7, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.  
Committee Room One, Whitby Town Hall  
575 Rossland Road East

10. Adjournment

**10.1** Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Denise Laframboise

That the meeting adjourn.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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H. Oerlemans, Council and  
Committee Coordinator

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J. Beaton, Committee Vice-Chair