



## Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

May 2, 2023, 7:00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting

Present: Larry Brual  
Anisa Capener  
Victoria Formusa  
Liam Lacy, Vice-Chair  
Adam Lamplugh  
Mike Moraites  
Michael Richards  
Paul Scott, Chair  
Marta Swirydowicz

Regrets: Colleen Haley  
Denise Laframboise

Also Present: Councillor Cardwell, Mayor's Designate  
Michele Cotton, Staff Liaison, Accessibility Coordinator  
Heather Ellis, Recording Secretary, Council and Committee  
Coordinator

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1. Call to Order
2. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

The Committee was advised that the appointment for Chair and Vice Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 term would take place at this time.

Michele Cotton called for the nominations for the position of Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Liam Lacy nominated Paul Scott for the position of Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Paul Scott accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations and the nominations were closed.

Michele Cotton called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Adam Lamplugh nominated Victoria Formusa for the position of Vice-Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Victoria Formusa accepted the nomination.

Marta Swirydowicz nominated Liam Lacy for the position of Vice-Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Liam Lacy accepted the nomination.

Victoria Formusa withdrew her acceptance for nomination.

There were no further nominations and the nominations were closed.

Recommendation:

Moved by Liam Lacy

That Paul Scott be appointed Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2023.

**Carried**

Recommendation:

Moved by Marta Swirydowicz

That Liam Lacy be appointed Vice-Chair of the Accessibility Advisory Committee for a term ending December 31, 2023.

**Carried**

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

Recommendation:

Moved by Liam Lacy

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes of October 4, 2022 be approved.

## **Carried**

### **5. General Business and Reports**

#### **5.1 Subcommittee Selection**

Michele Cotton provided an overview of the Built Environment and Site Plan Subcommittee, and Customer Service and Communications Subcommittee and requested volunteers for each subcommittee.

Larry Brual, Adam Lamplugh, Mike Moraites, and Marta Swirydowicz volunteered for the Built Environment and Site Plan Subcommittee.

Victoria Formusa, Liam Lacy, Mike Moraites, Michael Richards, Paul Scott, and Marta Swirydowicz volunteered for the Customer Service and Communications Subcommittee.

#### **5.2 Work Plan and Priorities**

Michele Cotton requested feedback from the Committee regarding the 2022-2026 Work Plan and priorities. Ms. Cotton advised that Section 1 of the Work Plan was legislated by the province, and Section 2 was legislated by the Planning Act. She stated that the Committee may provide feedback and set goals under Sections 3 and 4 of the Work Plan. Ms. Cotton provided an overview of various activities from the 2018-2022 Work Plan including the Community Survey, Accessibility Improvement Grant for businesses, and Parks and Open Space Audit.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- brainstorming action items based on the Community Survey results;
- raising community awareness of the Accessibility Improvement Grant;
- continuing to develop the Parks and Open Space Audit;
- standardizing language for discussing accessibility, disability, and disability groups;
- addressing concerns regarding the prioritization of accessibility over intersectionality;
- consolidating ideas for Work Plan priorities into an excel spreadsheet;

- the Regional Municipality of Durham 2022-2025 Multi-year Accessibility Plan review;
- addressing concerns regarding pedestrian crossing time limits at specific intersections; and,
- addressing concerns regarding sidewalks within the Town that require improvements.

## 6. Council Update

Councillor Cardwell provided an update regarding:

- the Town of Whitby's Community Strategic Plan;
- Employment Programs through the Abilities Centre;
- an upcoming presentation by Metrolinx to Council;
- continuing to plan for a new hospital in Whitby; and,
- the goal of Ontario's accessibility legislation of ensuring universal accessibility in the Province of Ontario by January 1, 2025, including full compliance of Ontario businesses.

## 7. Other Business

### 7.1 PowerHockey Durham

Michele Cotton advised that PowerHockey Durham was launching this Spring. Ms. Cotton stated that registration was free and the introductory program would be held on Saturdays at the Abilities Centre between May 13, 2023 and June 24, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. She further stated that a Demo and Try-It event would be held on Sunday, May 7, 2023 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

## 8. Next Meeting

Tuesday, June 6, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.

## 9. Adjournment

Recommendation:

Moved by Liam Lacy

That the meeting adjourn.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

**Note: These minutes were approved by the Accessibility Advisory Committee on June 6, 2023.**