

Minutes

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Electronic Meeting at 1:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Michelle Sanders, Diane Foster, Gilles Marceau, Bob Asham, Matthew Goodman, David Reed

Absent:

Dan McKnight, Kate Wiley, Jasmin Olah

Staff Liaison:

Megan Detlor – Human Resources Consultant, Accessibility

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

At 1:32 p.m. Michelle Sanders, Chair, called the meeting to order

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

Megan Detlor acknowledged that the land on which the Accessibility Advisory Committee meets today is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples. Acknowledging this is a reminder that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

3. Amendments to the Agenda

Let's chat benches added to 9.2, recognition program update added 9.5

4. Motion to approve the agenda

Moved by: Gilles Marceau Seconded by: Matthew Goodman

That the September 28, 2022, agenda of the Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

Carried

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting

Moved by: Gilles Marceau Seconded by: David Reed That the June 22, 2022, Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved with identified corrections.

Carried

6. Declarations of Interest – none

7. Presentations (invited guests)

none

8. Business arising from the minutes

Corrections made to June 2022 Minutes under Section 9.2 and 9.6
Discussion about adding “action items” section to future minutes.

9. Business

a. 9.1 – Committee Resignation - Barb Legg has resigned from the AAC as term is near end, we will not be replacing her position.

b. 9.2 – Let’s Chat Benches

Michelle reviewed document from the Older Adults Committee. Discussed the benefits and design of proposed benches, try to reduce social isolation, breaking down barriers across generations. Would the AAC support the idea of these benches, collaboration and consistent messaging. There were questions raised about the space around the benches and if a wheelchair could park up beside the benches and then also comments about whether a prototype could be built and then people would have the opportunity to try them out. Main area of discussion is around the arm rests.

Motion: The Accessibility Advisory Committee at it's September 28, 2022 meeting has endorsed the proposal from the Older Adults Committee for "Let's Chat" benches, provided there is a design that meets the City's FADS and offers an accessible design

Moved by: Michelle Sanders, Seconded by: David Reed

Carried

9.3 – Regional Transportation update – Megan had conversation with Steve Bittner in our Transportation department at the City. The City’s Transportation advisory committee has no transit mandate. Next step will be to reach out to Steve Murphy at Niagara Region. Diane Foster is also having a meeting with Tammy at the Region and will update committee on that.

9.4 – Update parks and trails – Michelle provided update on Henley Island paved path, Pearson Park, Fairview location beside mall, Rennie Park – paved existing walkways, improvements to Sunset beach washrooms and mobimats and ramp from parking area.

9.5 – Recognition program update – Megan – updated committee on conversation with Community and Events staff. These staff members already hold a volunteer recognition night, and we are wondering if this can be expanded to include business / organizations that could be recognized for the accessibility achievements. More discussion to be had on what this should look like and how this would be rated / evaluated, how to be nominated, will discuss at next months' meeting. David- not sure this is what we had in mind and need more information in order to make recommendations. Need a process for reviewing and evaluating businesses.

Megan - suggestion to wait for Kate to be in attendance as this item was of interest to her. Will discuss further in October

9.6 – 2021 report update – Megan – presented 2021 Accessibility update to committee, was endorsed at meeting by group.

9.7 – October meeting – staff coverage – Megan to send out potential meeting times and dates for October as it will need to be moved from our regular meeting time.

10. Date of next meeting

To be determined

11. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: Gilles Marceau Seconded by: David Reed

That the September 28, 2022, meeting be adjourned.

Carried