

# Accessibility Advisory Committee

## Minutes

**Wednesday, July 24, 2019**

**Burgoyne Woods Room at 1:30pm**

### **Attendance:**

Diane Foster, Bob Mahony, David Best, Jennifer Taylor, Abby Green, Chrissy Sadowski, Bob Asham, Matthew Goodman, David Reed, Barbara Legg, Michelle Sanders.

Guest: Christine Adams – Manager of Engineering and Construction

### **Absent:**

none

### **Staff Liaison:**

Megan Detlor – Human Resources Consultant, Accessibility

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1. **Call meeting to order (Chair) – Bob Mahony**  
1:30pm
2. **Recognition of Traditional Territories – Barbara Legg**
3. **Additions / Deletions to the Agenda**  
Will include roundtable introductions as a standing agenda item to accommodate members of our committee, and understand who is present in the room each time we meet.
4. **Motion to approve the agenda**  
Motion: Diane Foster  
Second: David Best
5. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**  
Motion: Jennifer Taylor  
Second: David Reed
6. **Presentations (invited guests)**  
Diane Foster/Christine Adams – Sidewalk at Mackenzie King Ave. discussion

**7. Business arising from the minutes**

none

**8. Business**

- a. **7.1 – sidewalk reviewed at Council on Monday July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 will be brought back to council August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

concerns from residents that sidewalk ends abruptly, could pose safety issue.

Diane Foster– in the best interest of everyone to have sidewalks everywhere feasible, currently sidewalk ends, would rather be on a sidewalk with a curb ramp to the road than no sidewalk at all. Also, this area will likely be developed later in which case new sidewalk will meet up with old.

David Reed – we have already been tackling the issue of sidewalks being in all streets, so not sure why we need to keep coming back to this.

Bob Asham – motion to leave the sidewalks in, future and existing. Should go on both sides in keeping with our mission and sidewalk statement. Sees no reason to deviate from the Official Plan.

Second – David Reed.

Action item: Megan to print off sidewalk statement for next meeting to review as a group.

**7.2 Member vacancy**

Megan – reviewed committee member vacancy discussion that was held the previous evening at the Pillar committee, and next steps for replacing the vacancy.

**7.3 Reviewed committee member roles**

Based on interests, skills and background.

Bob Asham – suggestion to go around the table and review.

**7.4 Accessible Swing**

Michelle Sanders – accessible swing at Eastport Park, community without an accessible swing at the park, was previously identified to have a swing placed there, has yet to happen. There are community members that would definitely use and benefit from it. Michelle has had discussions with employees in PRCS and with previous accessibility coordinator, it was communicated that funds were set aside for this update.

Motion from Michelle – to look at cost and options for installing an accessible swing at Eastport park, or utilize any existing and available swings in storage to be placed in the park.

Second by: Jennifer Taylor

Barbara Legg – exit at 3pm. Prescheduled appointment.

Christine Adams - update on construction. Lawrence St. - block from Queenston to Arlington is now finished. It would be nice if anyone has a chance to test it out as we can always use feedback.

Christine Adams - Niagara Region project – JR Stork bridge, proposing to replace. Plans do not include a wider sidewalk; they will provide turning platforms at each end of the bridge. (platform for turning circle). Suggestion from committee to include a curb ramp in order to get off the sidewalk, or, signage to warn anyone in a wheelchair before getting on the bridge in case they would like to cross over to the other side.

**9. Date of next meeting**

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

**10. Motion to Adjourn**

Motion: Matthew Goodman

Second: Michelle Sanders