

## Minutes

**Wednesday, October 23, 2019**

**Burgoyne Woods Room, City Hall at 1:30pm**

### **Attendance:**

Bob Asham, David Best, Diane Foster, Matthew Goodman, Abby Green, Bob Mahony, David Reed, Michelle Sanders, Jennifer Taylor, Kate Wiley

### **Absent:**

Chrissy Sadowski, Barbara Legg

### **Staff Liaison:**

Linda Murray – Administrative Assistant (CSS)

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1. **Call meeting to order (Chair) – Bob Mahony**  
1:30pm  
a) Round table introductions
2. **Recognition of Traditional Territories – read by Jennifer Taylor**
3. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**  
8 d) sharing information within the committee
4. **Motion to approve the agenda**  
Moved by: Matthew  
Seconded by: Diane
5. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**  
Sept 25, 2019  
Kate – section 6 – service animals – re: dogs not leashed; Diane said that not  
Kate  
Moved by: Matthew  
Seconded by: Bob Asham
6. **Business arising from the minutes**  
None

7. **Presentations (invited guests)**

a. **Steve Bittner – on street accessible parking**

On street accessible parking in downtown

Request from a citizen for on street accessible parking; looking to develop a policy

Basic rule - you cannot have any on-site parking at all and you need to have a valid accessible parking permit.

Issues are - do you cap the amount of spaces you prepare?

Diane – is there going to be restrictions?

Steve – all the regular on street parking rules apply. ie. 12-hour rule.

On street parking does not belong to anyone, we can provide a space that can be used by anyone.

Rules the same as all other on street parking just designated as accessible parking.

Trying to figure out the by-law to make them legal.

David Reed - what are the requirements?

Steve - valid permit and the property you have cannot have on-site parking

Bob M. are other municipalities doing this?

Steve – City of Windsor has it

Diane – is it not the signage on the road that makes a spot accessible?

Steve – yes we don't know if the signs alone are enough. We have to look at it.

Bob A – will there be arrows to specify the area

Steve – yes

Bob M. – what are you looking for from us?

Steve – how does the committee feel about this?

Michelle – are they the same size as another space?

Steve – yes, we cannot make them universally accessible like downtown, same size as other parking spots, they could be closer to the citizen's residence.

Matthew – can only park there if you have a permit?

Does this need to go through council?

Steve yes, it has to be a by-law that goes to council

Jennifer – you mentioned you couldn't make them the same size as a universal accessible parking spot. Will there be anything that will be accessible? ie. Sidewalk ramp

Steve – we are just trying to reserve a space. We are not looking to do any other accessible adjustments at this time.

Matthew – is there any kind of responsibility like snow removal?

Steve - just a regular space.

David R - looks like this could take on a life of their own.

Steve – the requestor is parking on the street already; he just wants to park closer to his house.

Steve - I will do some more work and meet with the committee again

I will get the cttee's input on the policy.

## 8. **Business**

### **a. Idea sharing - Committee Work Plan document**

Few suggestions

Accessibility Awards Ceremony for Business

Inclusive Parks Policies

Downtown Wayfinding

Making Carousel in Port Dalhousie Accessible

Accessible Media/Information Portal

### **b. Museum tour – offer to take a tour Tues or Fri in Nov. Please email Megan if interested and will coordinate schedule.**

Diane – Kathleen Powell presentation past meeting – go on tour of museum to help make suggestions on how to make the museum more accessible.

### **c. Christine Adam update**

- Regarding Niagara St. and Scott St. the Region is in planning stages they will look at the intersection improvement from Niagara St. to Scott St. 2022 construction. No changes until then.
- Did not get an answer from Region re: Westchester to Geneva, temp. asphalt.
- As far as the bus drop area at Fairview mall. Looked at but not in a position to advise what the alternatives are.
- Diane – downtown sidewalks. I had to change four bearings in my chair caused from the sidewalks being uneven. Cost me \$400.00
- David R – support that subject, the amount of additional furniture from the patios on St. Paul St. is hard to navigate as well.

- David Best – agree, I made a point to walk to bus terminal after last meeting. Sidewalks are hard to follow. Ramps aren't graded, no audible stop lights.
  - Christine – city is getting away from having interlock brick on sidewalks. They were fashionable back in the 80's. We are going to flush concrete with colour concrete at curb.
  - King St. from James to Carlisle, we have money to change the sidewalk. We were in negotiations with Alectra to bury the lines, but too expensive. Will go ahead with sidewalk in spring. Looking at audible stop lights as well.
  - Christine to follow up with Municipal Works to do a sidewalk inspection
  - There is talk to convert part of the downtown to a civic square. We are hesitant to do construction in those proposed area.
  - Bob M. – Christine can we discuss at a later date? How difficult it is to negotiate the downtown sidewalks.
  - Bob. A. – say a business closes, what's the responsibility to make that business accessible? Chuck's Roadhouse on Ontario St. doesn't even have power doors.
  - Christine – it depends on the type of business and the building code.
  - Christine looked into 180 Vine St. South. The requirement is 3 spots and they are scattered.
- d) Bob M. how does everyone feel about sharing information over email? How do we exchange that information? Prefer information goes through Megan.
- e) Matthew – haven't had a chance to send email to Region re: 3 different intersections

9. **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday, November 27, 2019  
 End of year luncheon  
 Start at noon  
 Bring significant other

10. **Motion to Adjourn 3:15**

Moved by: Michelle  
 Seconded by: Jennifer