

Minutes

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Online Participation at 1:30pm

Attendance:

Bob Asham, David Best, Diane Foster, Matthew Goodman, Barbara Legg, Bob Mahony, David Reed, Michelle Sanders, Kate Wiley

Absent:

Jennifer Taylor, Abby Green

Staff Liaison:

Megan Detlor – Human Resources Consultant, Accessibility

1. Call meeting to order (Chair) – Diane Foster

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

Barb Legg 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

Addition: round table introductions

Addition: update from David Reed on Intersection and meeting with staff from the Niagara Region

4. Motion to approve the agenda

Moved by: Bob Mahony

Seconded by: Kate Wiley

That the September 30, 2020 agenda of the Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

Carried

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting

Moved by: David Reed

Seconded by: David Best

That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, dated August 19, 2020 be approved.

Carried

6. Declarations of Interest

none

7. Presentations (invited guests)

none

8. Business arising from the minutes

Update from David Reed on Glenridge curb ramps and meeting with Regional Staff.

9. Business

a. 9.1 wayfinding – and possible formation of a subcommittee

Group discussed benefit of not forming another committee. Diane provided example of a past work group that was formed for Lakeside Park project. Work group would do independent tasks and then report back to the committee regularly, would be a standing agenda item each month. Idea is that this is a temporary project and maybe subcommittee is not best idea for this task.

Members agree that Michelle will be the point person for those interested in working on the wayfinding project, and that she will send an email to those interested and they can divide up some tasks.

With respect to other work plan items, like recognition Program, this will be on next agenda for others to speak to, Bob M. would like to discuss this item in particular.

b. 9.2 Update from David Reed on meeting with Regional Staff

Summary:

The curb and gutter does not meet Regional standards for accessible ramps. Region will arrange to replace. The SE sidewalk is agreed unacceptable – even as temporary. Region will arrange to replace. Replacement will probably be an adapted NRS 3002. Region still negotiating a permit from MTO to complete work at this junction. This is expected soon, and sidewalk reconstruction is expected before winter. Region will complete a construction

drawing for the repairs. A .pdf copy will be sent to David Reed for comment. This will be returned within 24 hours. The situation at Geneva Street is also temporary. Attention was drawn to the West sidewalk leading North on Geneva. This sidewalk is subsiding – probably because the bridge embankment is subsiding. Region will bring this to the attention of MTO.

c. 9.3 Downtown Bus terminal

Visual challenges for users. Issues with poles and platforms and lack of colour contrast. Also issues with placement of navigational wording. Megan to invite Transit representation to upcoming meeting to discuss further. Will also invite resident with concerns to be present.

d. 9.4 FADS

Concerns with following sections, discussing clarification to be recommended in October meeting:

Section 4.2.7 Universal Washrooms

- That a lift and lift ceiling track be provided in all universal washrooms, that takes the user from the change table to the toilet within that universal washroom.
- That at least one universal washroom be provided in all public buildings and assembly buildings, in addition to any accessible public use or common use toilets regardless of the number of common or public use washroom facilities containing toilets.

Section 4.5.2 Outdoor Recreational Facilities - Playgrounds

- That a paved pathway (made of hard, smooth materials that do not separate under pressure) connect playgrounds to the main sidewalk and/or parking lot and/or main access area for that play space, thereby creating an accessible route.
- An accessible swing be provided.
- A minimum of three 'at grade' play components be provided, where manageable more is encouraged.
- That partially ramped portions of playground structures be incorporated in the design of the play space to foster and encourage inclusion in play.

e. 9.5 Items discussed with Christine Adams – Manager, Engineering and Construction

- Street lights on Corbin St. not on, Bob A. recommended Christine take a look into this and report back
- Extra ramp at Corbin and Marshall to be added

Early exits from meeting:

Bob M: 3:25pm

Kate Wiley 3:30pm

10. Date of next meeting

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

11. Motion to Adjourn

Move by : Michelle Sanders

Seconded by: David Reed

That, there being no further items of business, this meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee be adjourned at 3:40 pm.