

February Minutes

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Electronic Meeting at 1:30pm

Attendance:

Dan McKnight, Jasmine Olah, Michelle Woods, Diane Foster, Michelle Sanders, Jennifer Taylor, Matthew Goodman, Barb Legg, David Reed, David Best, Bob Asham, Kate Wiley.

Guests:

Lori Mambella – Manager Community, Recreation and Culture Services
Christine Adams – Manager of Engineering and Construction

Staff Liaison:

Megan Detlor – Human Resources Consultant, Accessibility

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

1:35pm Michelle Sanders called the meeting to order

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

Added: roundtable introductions to accommodate 3 new members

Removed: Closed Captioning discussion as we were over time at end of meeting.

Discovered need some quotes updated as well so will be emailed out end of March/April.

4. Motion to approve the agenda

Moved by: Matthew Goodman, Seconded by: Kate Wiley

Carried

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting

Moved by: Jennifer Taylor, Seconded by: Matthew Goodman.

6. Declarations of Interest – there were none

7. Presentations (invited guests)

Lori Mambella – Manager Community, Recreation and Culture Services

Lori is in attendance to speak about the Carousel.

Carousel is City owned, is a cultural asset, piece of meticulously preserved history. It is a working antique, difficult to modernize or restore to accessibility standards. Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) considers it an amusement device, we do not have authority to make alterations to the Carousel without authorization from TSSA.

Questions: is it an actual designated heritage site? - does not because it's not a building. Its outside of that purview. Is a part of City's public art collection?

TSSA – what do you know about updating in relation to their rules? Would need to provide engineer approved drawing to TSSA and they need to approve for the structure

Wondering about steps to move towards accessibility, or take baby steps?
Carousel has some step stool use. The carousel does not have any brakes, would be hard to locate a ramp to various spaces.

David Reed– Do we have a drawing that can give the details of the Carousel for an Engineer to be able to submit to TSSA?

Timing of updating – carousel has been closed for two seasons, could be a third with COVID situation, have not had the opportunity to clean/maintain the Carousel for some time.

Motion – The AAC recommends that the Social Sustainability Pillar and City Council direct that staff provide a report on the options for improving the accessibility of the Carousel.

Moved by: Kate Wiley, Seconded by Matthew Goodman

Carried

8. Business arising from the minutes

Wayfinding update – met with Economic Development to discuss adding accessible amenities to tourism website. Discussed site content and incorporating GPS coordinates. Next step is meeting with the web developer.

Megan to send thank you note for Blindsquare presentation.

9. Business

- a. **9.1** website – have not had a representative to meet with the AAC from Communications team on the website progress. Would like to invite to March/April to answer some questions. Was given a brief update that we will be included on a couple of different occasions to discuss navigation of website and then also will get the opportunity to test it before it is officially rolled out so that committee can provide feedback and any adjustments can be made.
- b. **9.2** 2020 work plan report – Megan will provide an update on the first two items, Michelle will provide the update on the Wayfinding item, and Kate will provide the update on the Carousel. The recognition program item will be carried over to 2021 but we are anticipating working jointly with the other Equity committees. The report will be shared at the March meeting for comment and approval from the committee.
- c. **9.3** snow removal – issue is that people shovel snow into accessible spaces. Would like to invite a representative from Municipal Works to speak with committee. Would like to know how snow removal is handled in intersections and pedestrian islands, would like to ask other questions as well about options for sidewalks like sidewalk ploughs. Also, possibly put up a reminder on social media for residents to clear their pathways and sidewalks in front of house.

10. Items of Correspondence

- Sub-Item 1 - reviewed memo from Equity and Inclusion Committee requesting we consider participating in their recognition program. The AAC initially had a similar item on the 2020 workplan and have decided to join this initiative rather than work on separate recognition programs.

11. Date of next meeting

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

12. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: Diane Foster, Seconded by: Jennifer Taylor

Carried