

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Electronic Meeting at 1:30pm

Attendance:

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

Absent:

none

Guests:

Steve Henschel – Corporate Communications Officer
Christine Adams – Manager of Construction and Engineering
Steve Bittner – Transportation Technologist

Staff Liaison:

Megan Detlor – Human Resources Consultant, Accessibility

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm by Michelle Sanders.

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

Add: round table introductions
Add: Update from Social Pillar
Delete: item 9.2

4. Motion to approve the agenda

Moved by: Barb Legg, Seconded by: David Best

That the April 28, 2021 agenda of the Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

Carried

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting

Moved by: Diane, Seconded by: Kate Wiley

That the March 24, 2021 Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

Carried

6. Declarations of Interest – there were none

7. Presentations (invited guests)

Steve Henschel – Corporate Communications Officer – speaking to committee about the new website launch

Current launch Date will be aiming for Nov 29th, a survey is available to take online.

Megan to send details to the committee members after the meeting.

Following this there will be focus groups that are formed, AAC will be included.

There will be a push to reduce the amount of PDF's on the webpage. Removing historical and non-compliant information.

Steve Bittner – Transportation Technologist – speaking to committee about road signage for persons with disabilities

Would like to seek committee's feedback about a sign they are going to be putting in and what is recommended for symbols and wording. We discussed wording for sign, sent along sample from Barb Legg, everyone liked the symbols. Also, a similar active wheelchair symbol that Michelle Sanders showed in the meeting

Kate Wiley and Jasmin – would not use word "caution" as this can be stigmatizing for certain groups. Steve will be going back to staff to discuss and will update us with what is decided.

The Transportation Advisory Committee would like to open up the terms of reference for the committee. Would like to invite a member of the AAC to participate in membership for this committee. Diane Foster would like to volunteer once this is decided on.

Haley Bateman - Chair, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee – speaking about the memo from this committee regarding the Economic recovery after COVID 19, there will be a subcommittee formed from the Equity and Inclusion Committee to attempt to ensure that certain groups are not disadvantaged in the reopening plan. Matthew Goodman would like to be included in this subcommittee. Kate Wiley would be backup.

Christine Adams- Manager of Construction and Engineering – Update from EFES
The City is going ahead with road resurfacing contracts, as construction considered essential during the current lockdown.

8. Business arising from the minutes

None

9. Business

a. 9.1 – Update on work plan for 2021

The committee discussed items to edit on the work plan for this year and this will be presented to the Social Pillar Committee in July. The changes are captured on the work plan template and will be discussed in the following meeting in May.

b. 9.2 – update from the Social Pillar

Pillar update – Michelle updated the 2020 workplan update was given at the meeting, the update was received and approved. Also, discussed the Carousel motion, motion was endorsed by the Pillar and will go to Council.

Something of interest – ARAC had a recommendation to the Pillar. The ARAC is looking to work with Purchasing and amend the City's procurement policy to advocate for inclusion of diverse suppliers. Michelle requested and they will be adding or broadening the list to include accessibilities.

10. Date of next meeting

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

11. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: Matthew Goodman, Seconded by: Diane Foster

Carried