

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

Electronic Meeting at 1:30pm

Attendance:

Michelle Sanders, Diane Foster, David Reed, David Best, Barb Legg, Matthew Goodman, Bob Asham, Jasmine Olah, Kate Wiley, Michelle Woods

Absent:

Dan McKnight, Jennifer Taylor

Guests:

Christine Adams – Manager of Construction Engineering (EFES)
Eric Lamothe – Manager, Strategic Business Services (CRCS)
Stuart Green – Landscape Architect (CRCS)

Staff Liaison:

Megan Detlor – Human Resources Consultant, Accessibility

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

1:32 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

Add: Roundtable introductions

4. Motion to approve the agenda

Moved by: Bob Asham and Seconded by: Kate Wiley

That the June 23, 2021 agenda of the Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

Carried

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting

Moved by: Michelle Woods and Seconded by: Barb Legg

That the May 26, 2021 minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

Carried

6. Declarations of Interest – there were none

7. Presentations (invited guests)

Eric Lamothe and Stuart Green (CRCS) presentation for Montebello Park playground.

- Older play structure from the 1990's with lack of accessible features is being updated to include accessible swings/features and accessible path
- 6 submissions were received, 4 reviewed, contract has been awarded.
- New plans include a number of at-grade elements, new and safe version of a teeter totter, swing area is connected with main playground
- Committee members pleased with design overall, project to begin in Fall 2021

8. Business arising from the minutes

Motion to approve the draft copy of the 2021 committee work plan.

Moved by: Kate Wiley and Seconded by: Bob Asham

Carried

Motion to appoint Diane Foster as a representative to the Transportation Advisory Committee.

Moved by: Michelle Woods and Seconded by: David Reed

Carried

9. Business

a. 9.1 Review of Bus Stop Accessibility document from Transit

- Very heavy on photos with no alt text, this has already been communicated to them
- On pg. 16 reference to sight lines, driver to passenger and outside of bus

- Do all shelters accommodate persons in a wheelchair with smooth access? Can they accommodate more than 2 persons in a wheelchair? Often cannot fit 2
- Bench pads outside shelter, is there a wheelchair pad beside bench so that someone in a wheelchair can talk with someone sitting on the bench
- Not covered in booklet, curb depression is needed at regular intervals or there are long stretches of sidewalk with no way on or off
- No reference to wayfinding at stops, suggestion would be some reference to digital communication structures i.e. beacons
- Follow up item to verify with Transit when other AAC's are seeing this document or have already provided feedback, whether they can come to one of our next meetings to speak with us, and if we will see a final draft

b. 9.2 Recognition Checklist

- Will provide our suggestions for recognition checklist to Chair and Staff Liaison of the Equity and Inclusion committee. Suggestions to be sent in a separate email from minutes

c. 9.3 Updates from Christine Adams – Manager of Construction and Engineering

- Resurfacing program is up and running
- Paved Burgoyne Woods main driveway and picnic area
- Staff report to recommend sidewalk repairs and new locations going to Council in near future
- Discussed email about sidewalk survey from resident, preference for a 5 ft. sidewalk so someone can walk beside another person who uses a wheelchair, not behind or in front
- Some of the newer buttons at pedestrian crossings are being placed too high for those using wheelchairs. Example location – Geneva and Queenston

10. Date of next meeting

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

11. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: Matthew Goodman and Seconded by: Bob Asham

Carried