

Draft Minutes

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Electronic Meeting at 1:30pm

Attendance:

Diane Foster, Michelle Sanders, Michelle Woods, Jasmine Olah, David Reed, Matthew Goodman, Bob Asham, David Reed, Jennifer Taylor, Kate Wiley.

Absent:

Barb Legg

Guests:

Eric Lamothe – Manager of Strategic Business Services (CRCS)

Stuart Green – Landscape Architect (CRCS)

Christine Adams – Manager of Engineering and Construction

Staff Liaison:

Megan Detlor – Human Resources Consultant, Accessibility

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

At 1:35pm Michelle Sanders, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

Megan Detlor 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

David Reed – Site plan update

4. Motion to approve the agenda

Moved by: Bob Asham

Seconded by: Matthew Goodman

That the September 29, 2021 agenda of the Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

Carried

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting

Moved by: Bob Asham

Seconded by: Matthew Goodman

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

Carried

6. Presentations (invited guests)

**6.1 - Eric Lamothe – Manager of Strategic Business Services
Stuart Green – Landscape Architect**

Presented Bench designs for Port Dalhousie

Bench questions/comments- where are they bolted or secured - will check with developer.

No arm rest – could be an issue, they looked at steel arm in middle of bench, design had issues though

Spacing between the groupings of benches. How large – enough for larger power chair between? Yes, there is space for this.

Council looking at 12 benches, 9 on west side and remainder on east where lighthouse is located

Maintenance vehicles – noticed vandalism at edge where rocks are, are they able to get in and out? Yes

Visibility of benches – Colours around them, high contrast etc for safety and accessibility. Referenced same feedback given to transit re downtown terminal
Also suggest markers for priority seating similar to on a bus.

6.2 - Donna Delvecchio – Deputy Clerk

Memo from Clerk's department

Feedback given to Clerk's was that the media release and social media release is not accessible to the degree that it needs to be. Suggestions to do a phone blast or have radio stations pick it up for those not on social media and who do not get the St. Catharines Standard.

7. Business arising from the minutes

David Reed site plans – no update

8. Business

- a. **9.1** - Draft report add on page one “Physical and developmental disabilities and those who are neurodiverse.” Pg. 2 – just before social pillar, add reference to AAC
 - Feeling there is too much in here and needs to be more concise. Section on page 6 references importance of clear plain language, and this report does not really do that. No page numbers as well. Members also felt that, while being concise is important, there is important and specific language in this report being used.
 - Pg. 4. First two bullets – please add that this is an AAC work plan item similarly as done for Anti-Racism workplan item for procurement.
- b. **9.2** - Member vacancy – David Best resigned from committee, would be good to have someone with a similar background and perspective to assist. Committee would like to wait to fill the vacancy

Christine Adams Joined at 2:58 pm

David Reed question for Christine– sidewalk, no ramp and no accessible parking space. When there is something on a site plan then it doesn’t get built that way, what is the process to report that it wasn’t built according to plan?

Suggestion to provide contacts that can be of assistance.

Megan to provide David with Brad Johnson and Jim Denham contact information.

9. Date of next meeting

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

10. Motion to Adjourn

Dan and Jennifer