

Minutes

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Electronic Meeting at 1:30pm

Attendance:

Michelle Sanders, Diane Foster, Dan McKnight, Jasmine Olah, Barb Legg, Bob Asham, David Reed, Jennifer Taylor.

Absent:

Kate Wiley and Matthew Goodman.

Guests:

Mike Otter – Design and Construction Engineer

Stuart Green – Landscape Architect

Christine Adams – Manager, Engineering and Construction

Shannon McHugh – Manager, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Staff Liaison:

Megan Detlor – Human Resources Consultant, Accessibility

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

Michelle Sanders called the meeting to order at 1:40pm

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

Roundtable introductions

Shannon McHugh attending committee meeting – introduction

4. Motion to approve the agenda

Moved by: Bob Asham, and seconded by: Jennifer Taylor

That the October 27, 2021 agenda of the Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

Carried

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting

Moved by: David Reed and seconded by: Bob Asham

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

Carried

6. Declarations of Interest

There were none

7. Presentations (invited guests)

Mike Otter – Design and Construction Engineer – Downtown public washroom

- 64 Geneva St. single stall, would like a wide-open area, to avoid congregating
- Quartek has been engaged to do detailed engineering.
- Tender going out later this month, idea for a self-cleaning toilet, with programmed cleaning cycle.
- Will be a small facility, not staffed due to self-cleaning model. Concrete apron around the building, secondary mechanical entrance. Overall space used by public is 14x14.
- Ultimate finish to be determined.
- There is no parking being added as part of project.
- There will be a raised toilet height that will meet FADS.
- Change table – have not determined how it will be cleaned, will depend on supplier proposal, fixed height table is plan.
- Security - have had several discussions including with NRPS –
 - o there is an existing NRPS camera that is pointing at intersection, they are willing to add CCTV if needed, we also may provide our own security.

Emergency call button – right now – no not included as its not staffed.

Change table size, it was noted some in city are not large enough for an adult, please keep in mind when reviewing suppliers

Jocelyn St. Denis – presentation on water access in Abbey mews area of Port Dalhousie

Background - shoreline protection installed last year, between Christie St. and Considine av. City owned, armourstone 2m out of high water level

Armourtone stands out quite a bit, was an existing stairway that had to be removed and stairs are closed.

- Due to high elevation and limited access, not much to be done, stairs could be made of concrete or metal. Due to slope required, would need to be cutting into the land.
- Would like some kind of barrier for people in wheelchairs for safety reasons.
- Potentially add some signage that says “stair-access only” with something that points to where there are accessible access routes in Port Dalhousie (Lakeside Park).
- If Mobie Mats are the only access to the beach, they need to be better maintained.

Shannon McHugh – Introduced herself and her role with the City, gave information about professional background.

- Question about the recognition program. Shannon has met with members of CRCS regarding the volunteer recognition program, will update us on next steps. Existing recognition program may be something we could build upon to use for the committee recognition program.

Diane Foster brought forward a motion.

Motion to have all advisory committees include in their terms of reference that membership include at least 1 person on each committee that identifies as having a disability.

Move by: Jennifer Taylor and seconded by: Bob Asham

Carried

8. Business arising from the minutes

David Reed – identifying a site that is being built wrong, Christine will follow up with Development Engineering. They are at the point where they are about to put asphalt in.

9. Business

9.1 - Environmental alliance letter – AAC’s main concern is that we want to make sure any path is made of materials that will not separate under pressure.

9.2 - Diane Foster made an announcement that she will possibly be stepping down as Chair and we will need to vote next meeting on whether we would like to vote in another co-chair or move to a chair/vice chair model.

10. Date of next meeting

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

11. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: Jennifer Taylor and seconded by: Dan McKnight

Carried