



## Town of Newmarket How to attend an Electronic Advisory Committee or Board Meeting

As all Town facilities remain closed to the public, members of the public can attend an electronic Advisory Committee or Board Meeting by joining through ZOOM.

These instructions are for the public and not Committee or Board Members. **The public will join in “listen only” mode (as an “Attendee”).**

**Meeting:** Accessibility Advisory Committee  
**Date:** Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 10:30 AM  
**Location:** Electronic VIA ZOOM Meeting

**How to Join the Meeting by laptop, tablet, iPad, phone or computer:**

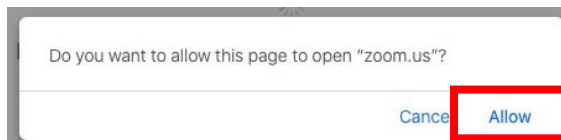
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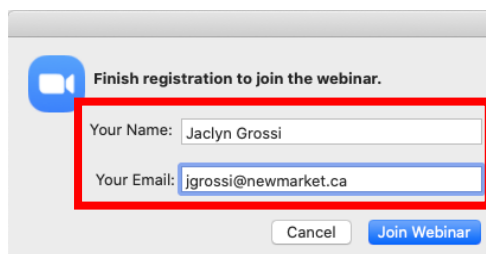
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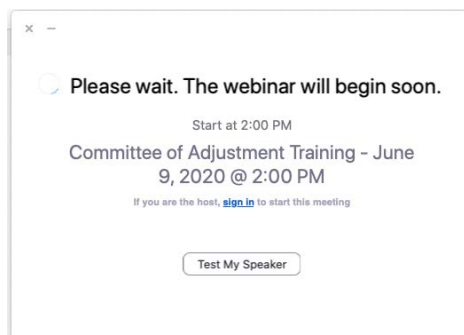
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**Type your First and Last name into the “Your Name” field and type your email into the “Your Email” field. Then click “Join Webinar”.**



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The following pop-up window will appear, and you will join the meeting when it begins.



**Reminder** – you will only be able to listen and view the meeting, your camera and audio will not be on.

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When the meeting begins you will be able to see the Committee or Board Members and Staff who are attending the meeting.

### How to Join the Meeting by telephone:

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Dial one of the numbers below:

647 374 4685 or  
647 558 0588

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Follow the telephone prompts and input the following information:

Meeting ID: 988 6337 8280 followed by #

There is no Participant ID, just press #

Passcode: 449420 followed by #

You will be placed in a “waiting room” until the meeting begins

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Once the meeting begins, the telephone operator will advise that you have joined as an attendee and that you will be muted throughout the meeting.

## Technical Tips

- ✓ **You will be attending the meeting in “listen only mode” (i.e., without your video or audio on)**
- ✓ If you cannot connect, check your internet connection by going to another website (such as [www.newmarket.ca](http://www.newmarket.ca)) - If the internet is not working on other sites, you may need to reboot your device or modem



If your screen freezes, try to refresh or you may need to disconnect from the meeting and then reconnect using the link above

- ✓ If you get disconnected, rejoin the meeting using the link above





# Town of Newmarket

## Agenda

### Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date: May 20, 2021  
Time: 10:30 AM  
Location: Electronic VIA ZOOM  
See How to Login Guide

#### Pages

#### 1. Notice

At this time, the Municipal Offices remain closed to the public. This meeting will be available VIA ZOOM Meeting at [newmarket.ca/meetings](https://newmarket.ca/meetings).

#### 2. Additions & Corrections to the Agenda

#### 3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

#### 4. Presentations & Deputations

#### 5. Approval of Minutes

##### 5.1. Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2021

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1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2021 be approved.

#### 6. Items

##### 6.1. Draft Presentation to the Main Street District Business Improvement Area Board of Management (BIA) regarding Main Street Accessibility

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##### 6.2. Draft Presentation for the June 7, 2021 Council Workshop

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#### 7. New Business

#### 8. Adjournment





# Town of Newmarket

## Minutes

### Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021  
 Time: 10:30 AM  
 Location: Electronic VIA ZOOM  
 See How to Login Guide

Members Present: Steve Foglia, Chair  
 Jeffrey Fabian  
 Felim Greene  
 Martha Jez  
 Linda Jones  
 Allen Matrosov  
 Patricia Monteath

Members Absent: Councillor Simon  
 Huma Tahir

Staff Present: K. Saini, Deputy Town Clerk  
 J. Grossi, Legislative Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 10:31 AM.  
 Steve Foglia in the Chair.

#### 1. Notice

Steve Foglia advised that all Town facilities were closed to the public, and that members of the public were encouraged to attend an electronic Advisory Committee or Board Meeting by joining through the ZOOM information provided with the agenda.

#### 2. Additions & Corrections to the Agenda

None.

**3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

None.

**4. Presentations & Deputations**

None.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

**5.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2021**

Moved by: Jeffrey Fabian

Seconded by: Felim Greene

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2021 be approved.

**Carried**

**6. Items**

**6.1 Main Street Accessibility**

Steve Foglia provided an update to the Accessibility Advisory Committee regarding a Main Street accessibility presentation to the Main Street District Business Improvement Area Board of Management (BIA) at a future meeting. The Legislative Coordinator advised that the presentation has been tentatively scheduled for the morning of BIA meeting on June 2, 2021.

Martha Jez discussed possible opportunities for local high school students to assist Main Street businesses with accessibility projects.

**6.2 Accessible Van Signage Update**

The Legislative Coordinator provided an update on the accessible van parking signage that is being added to four existing parking spots in the downtown area. The Committee confirmed that the four parking spots were currently van accessible and provided feedback on the draft signage, namely that the new signage should match the existing as much as possible.

**6.3 Rene Brey Washroom Accessibility Retrofit**



The Legislative Coordinator advised that the funding application for accessible improvements to the Rene Brey washroom had not been approved yet, and that additional information would be provided when the application had been processed.

## **7. New Business**

### **7.1 Elections Canada**

Steve Foglia advised that Elections Canada reached out and asked him to inspect all potential Federal election polling locations in Newmarket and Aurora to ensure accessibility for all voters in future elections.

## **8. Adjournment**

Moved by: Jeffrey Fabian

Seconded by: Linda Jones

1. That the meeting be adjourned at 11:04 AM.

**Carried**

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Steven Foglia, Chair

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Date



## Who we are

- The Accessibility Advisory Committee is authorized under the *Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001* and the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*.
- The Committee is responsible for the following:
- Providing advice, recommendations and assistance to Council to develop and facilitate strategies for the identification and elimination of barriers for citizens with disabilities.
- Promoting accessibility related public outreach, education and awareness initiatives

## What Is the AODA?

- The *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (AODA) requires businesses and organizations in Ontario to identify, remove, and prevent barriers to accessibility. The goal of the law is for Ontario to be accessible by 2025 so that people with disabilities can participate more fully in communities.
- So why is this important?

## Why Small Businesses Need to be Accessible

- Accessibility Benefits Everyone
- People with disabilities have a buying power of over \$50 billion in Canada and \$1 trillion globally <sup>1</sup>
- There are 2.6 million people in Ontario with a disability – that’s 24% of Ontario’s population.<sup>2</sup>
- About 45% or 1.12 million Ontarians with disabilities have mobility related disabilities.<sup>3</sup>
- More than 40% of this population is over the age of 65. As the population ages, this number will only grow.<sup>4</sup>
- A business that commits to accessibility sends a strong message that people with disabilities are welcome. For this reason, it is much more likely to attract people with disabilities and their families.

Sources:

1. 2016 Annual report – The Global Economics of Disability, The Return on Disability Group 2. Statistics Canada (2017), Canadian Survey on Disability 3. Statistics Canada (2017), Canadian Survey on Disability

4. Statistics Canada (2017), Canadian Survey on Disability

## The Business of Accessibility

# How to Make Your Main Street Business Accessible

### The Business of Accessibility

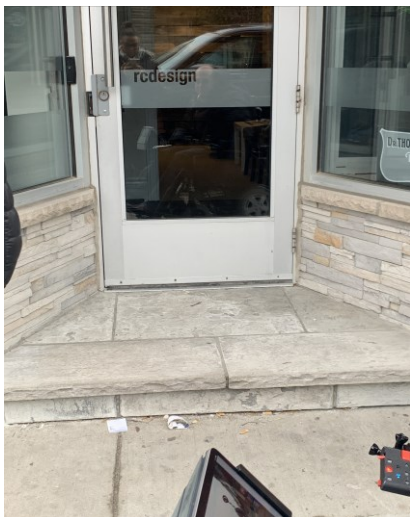
How to Make Your Main Street  
Business Accessibility Smart



- Download or order your copy of The Business of Accessibility
- [www.obiaa.com](http://www.obiaa.com)
- The accessibility committee has put forth a motion to have council include
- Accessibility as part of the Financial Incentive Program
- Using High school students to earn their volunteer hours

## AODA Requirements for Small Business

In the fall of 2019 members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, town staff, Councilor Grace Simons and Tom Hempen took part in a walk through of Main St. noting some of the problem areas. Here are some of the photos taken.



RC Design



Continental Hair



Comic Book Shop



Aubergine



The Hair Company



## AODA Requirements for Small Business

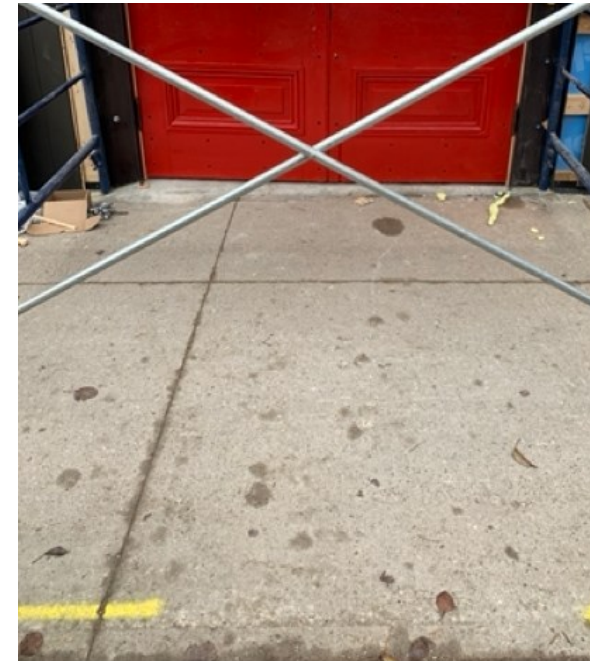
Business that meet the AODA Requirements



Knappett (requires automatic door opener)



Law Offices



The George (under construction)



## Next Steps





# Accessibility Advisory Committee

Presented by: Steve Foglia

Date: June 7, 2021

# Members

- Steve Foglia, Chair
  - Jeffrey Fabian
  - Felim Greene
  - Martha Jez
  - Linda Jones
  - Allen Matrosov
  - Patricia Monteath
  - Councillor Simon
  - Huma Tahir
- (Picture)
- (Do we have a group picture?)

# Mandate

The Accessibility Advisory Committee encourages and facilitates accessibility for all persons with disabilities in the Town of Newmarket by:

- Providing advice, recommendations and assistance to Council to develop and facilitate strategies for the identification and elimination of barriers for citizens with disabilities.
- Promoting accessibility related public outreach, education and awareness initiatives.

# Accomplishments

Our committee consulted, reviewed plans and provided recommendations for these initiatives and projects:

- Mulock Property, Stickwood Walker Farmhouse, Patterson Sidewalk renovations, Northwest Quadrant Trail System Design Concepts, Skateboard Park, Electric Vehicle Parking,
- Conducted an audit of the entrances and sidewalks to storefronts on Main Street, with a goal to make Main Street accessible for all.
- We made recommendations to staff to include Accessibility to the Financial Incentive Program to help fund accessible renovations to Main St.
- Reviewed Site Plan applications and provided recommendations on accessibility related conditions to staff.
- Participated in the annual National Access Ability Week Celebrations virtually through recorded interviews and



# Accomplishments

- Consulted with external partners and provided assistance with the Upper Canada Mall universal accessible washroom renovations.
- Provided recommendations for the downtown parking analysis and reviewed planned short-term, medium-term and long-term options.
- Continually reviewed Federal and Provincial grant opportunities related to accessible projects.
- Worked with businesses in the Town of Newmarket to increase accessibility at the entrances and exists to stores.
- Reviewed plans to use the Mobi Mats for outdoor Town-led events to increase accessibility.
- Provided recommendations regarding accessible van parking signage surrounding Riverwalk Commons and Fairy Lake.
- Van Accessible Signage has now been installed at 4 extra wide accessible parking spots making them AODA compliant.
- Provided advice on the Town of Newmarket's annual Accessibility Plan update
- Provided ongoing public awareness of accessibility.



# Current Projects

To make Main St. more accessible.

- We will be making a presentation to Main St. BIA on the importance and advantages to making their businesses accessible.
- We are working with town staff to add Accessibility to the Financial Incentive Program to help offset the costs.
- We will be working towards taking advantage of high school community volunteering hours to help with the work on making Main St. accessible.

Fairy Lake Accessible Washrooms

- Town staff is investigating funding grants to fund making the washrooms at Fairy Lake Universal Accessible. This means including an adult change table and ceiling lift system.

Mulock Property

- We are working with staff to ensure this new park is accessible to everyone.

Accessible Door to Door Taxi service for Newmarket

- Our committee is looking at ways to encourage local taxi service companies to offer accessible door to door service at the same rate. (maybe Allen can add to this)

Annual National Access Ability Week

- Working with town staff to coordinate this years National Access Ability Week awareness activities.

Site Plan Review

- We continue to review all site plan applications to ensure AODA compliance.





**Thank you!**