

The meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at the Magna Centre in Board Room #1, 800 Mulock Drive, Newmarket.

Members Present: Councillor Bisanz
Steve Foglia, Chair
Gloria Couves
Linda Jones
Jeremy Slessor
Richard Wilson (10:34 to 11:49 a.m.)

Staff Present: P. McIntosh, Recreation Programmer – Family and Special
Needs
C. Finnerty, Council/Committee Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

S. Foglia in the Chair.

Additions & Corrections to the Agenda

None.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Presentations/Deputations

None.

Approval of Minutes

1. [Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes of March 10, 2016.](#)

Moved by: Gloria Couves
Seconded by: Councillor Bisanz

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes of March 10, 2016 be approved.

Carried

Items for Discussion

2. [Discussion regarding National Access Awareness Week](#)

The Recreation Programmer – Family and Special Needs advised that the National Access Awareness Week event would be held on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at the Newmarket Farmer’s Market. She further advised of the planned performances and presentations. Discussion ensued regarding foul weather options. In addition, Committee members requested a review of best practices related to set up of audio equipment at the Community Centre & Lions Hall in order to eliminate feedback through the microphone system.

Moved by: Councillor Bisanz
Seconded by: Jeremy Slessor

THAT the update from the Recreation Programmer – Family and Special Needs regarding National Access Awareness Week be received.

Carried

3. [Discussion regarding a resident concern related to accessibility to College Manor Park.](#)

The Council/Committee Coordinator provided a verbal report related to a concern regarding the staircase located within College Manor Park and a resident request related to removal of the staircase. Discussion ensued regarding park access points, accessibility within the park and staff plans with respect to the staircase. Richard Wilson to attend the park in order to provide a review of options related to the staircase for staff consideration which includes potential cost impacts and report back to the Committee at the June meeting.

4. [Discussion regarding a resident concern related to sidewalk accessibility along Stonehaven Avenue.](#)

The Council/Committee Coordinator provided a verbal report related to a concern regarding the sidewalk along Stonehaven Avenue and advised that staff have met with the complainant and are working to resolve his concerns. The Chair requested that he be provided with a list of issues identified by the complainant for review.

5. [Committee Workplan](#)

The Council/Committee Coordinator provided an overview of the Committee Workplan. Discussion ensued regarding certification of businesses for accessibility, provincial discussions related to a new accessibility logo and determination of a resource to continue StopGAP discussions.

New Business

- a) The Chair advised that the Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee received a presentation at their last meeting with respect to regional sidewalks and revised standards for all regional sidewalks. In addition, the Committee received a presentation regarding plans for the Yonge Davis corridor.
- b) The Chair requested an update on the current Committee vacancy. The Council/Committee Coordinator advised that the Appointment Committee has met to consider applications for a replacement member and provided a recommendation to Council for approval at the June 7, 2016 Council meeting.

Adjournment

Moved by: Gloria Couves
Seconded by: Jeremy Slessor

THAT the meeting adjourn.

Carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Date

Steve Foglia, Chair