



Town of Newmarket

Agenda

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2024
Time: 10:30 AM
Location: Streamed live from the Municipal Offices
395 Mulock Drive
Newmarket, ON L3Y 4X7

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1. Notice

Members of the public may view this meeting through the live stream available at newmarket.ca/meetings, or attend in person at the Council Chambers at 395 Mulock Drive.

2. Additions & Corrections to the Agenda

3. Conflict of Interest Declarations

4. Presentations & Deputations

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2024

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1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2024 be approved.

6. Items

6.1 Town of Newmarket - National AccessAbility Week Programming

Note: Chiara Walsh, Recreation Programmer - Inclusion & Support Services will speak to this item.

1. That the verbal update provided by Chiara Walsh, Recreation Programmer - Inclusion & Support Services regarding Town of Newmarket - National AccessAbility Week Programming be received.

6.2 Feedback Session on Library Space Update

Note: Jeff Fabian will speak to this item.

1. That the verbal update provided by Jeff Fabian regarding Feedback Session on Library Spaces be received.

6.3 Update on MP/MPP Meeting on Main Street

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Note: Steve Foglia will speak to this item.

1. That the verbal update provided by Steve Foglia regarding Update on MP/MPP Main Street Meeting be received.

6.4 Committee Checklist

Note: Steve Foglia will speak to this item.

6.5 Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Training

Note: Committee to complete third module.

7. **New Business**

8. **Adjournment**



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Minutes

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Members Present: Steve Foglia, Chair
 Jeffrey Fabian
 Huma Tahir
 Kelly Broome
 Kathleen Kedzierski
 Bev Moffatt
 Mitsy Jones-Bailey

Members Absent: Steve King

Staff Present: K. Saini, Deputy Town Clerk
 E. Thomas-Hopkins, Legislative Coordinator
 C. Walsh, Recreation Programmer - Inclusion & Support Services
 K. McKay, Senior Planner, Development
 S. MacDonald, Manager, Capital Projects

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

1. Notice

Steve Foglia advised that members of the public were encouraged to attend an Advisory Committee or Board Meeting in person at the Council Chambers at 395 Mulock Drive.

2. Additions & Corrections to the Agenda

The Legislative Coordinator provided the following additions to the agenda:

Presentation material was added to the following items:

- Item 4.1 Site Plan Review; and,
- Item 6.1 North West Quadrant Project Update.

Moved by: Kathleen Kedzierski

Seconded by: Huma Tahir

1. That the additions to the agenda be approved.

Carried

3. Conflict of Interest Declarations

None.

4. Presentations & Deputations

4.1 Site Plan Review

Kaitlin McKay, Senior Planner, Development provided a presentation to Committee Members regarding how to read and properly review site plans including the role of the Accessibility Advisory Committee in site plan reviews, types of development, development considerations, site plans, elevations, landscape drawings, and accessibility checklists. An example site plan was also presented and discussed with the Committee.

Committee Members queried staff regarding details of site plans and timelines for reviewing applications.

Moved by: Huma Tahir

Seconded by: Kelly Broome

1. That the presentation provided by Kaitlin McKay, Senior Planner, Development be received.

Carried

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2024

Moved by: Bev Moffatt

Seconded by: Kelly Broome

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2024 be approved.

Carried

6. Items

6.1 North West Quadrant Project Update

Shane MacDonald, Manager, Capital Projects provided a presentation regarding an update to the North West Quadrant project including construction approaches, trail connections and user access, materials, similar projects, grading of areas, retaining walls, paved areas, slope of the trail, proposed rest areas and a case study from the Toronto Zoo.

Steve Foglia provided a verbal update on a visit in November 2023 to the Toronto Zoo with the capital projects team regarding materials used for the boardwalk and applying it to the North West Quadrant project.

Members queried staff regarding if the materials will be slippery when wet and if the trail will be maintained and kept cleared by staff in the winter.

Moved by: Jeffrey Fabian

Seconded by: Huma Tahir

1. That the verbal update provided by Shane MacDonald, Manager, Capital Projects regarding the Northwest Quadrant Project Update be received.

Carried

6.2 National AccessAbility Week

Steve Foglia provided a verbal update regarding plans for York Region's National AccessAbility Week programming including the professional development forum.

The Recreation Programmer advised that planning is underway regarding Town programming for National AccessAbility Week.

6.3 Upcoming Main Street Visit

Steve Foglia provided a verbal update regarding the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting with MP Van Bynen and MPP Gallagher Murphy. Members of the Committee discussed meeting logistics, content for the meeting, accessible Main Streets, grants for accessibility upgrades, Canada's Enabling Accessibility Fund, education on Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, examples from other municipalities, and sharing data and examples with MP Van Bynen and MPP Gallagher Murphy.

The Deputy Clerk provided an update regarding the draft itinerary for the meeting.

6.4 Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Training

Members worked to complete an online module regarding training on the legislation Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). This training is free and is available to the public at <https://aoda.ca/free-online-training/>.

7. New Business

7.1 Accessibility Committee Meeting Checklist

Jeff Fabian suggested including a checklist in the meeting minutes with a follow up on recommendations from past meetings so the committee can track the progress of specific projects.

7.2 Emergency Procedures Education Session

Steve Foglia provided a verbal update after meeting with staff regarding egress at Mulock Park and communicated that emergency evacuation procedures have not yet been set for the site and, once set, the committee will be briefed accordingly.

8. Adjournment

Moved by: Jeffrey Fabian

Seconded by: Kelly Broome

1. That the meeting be adjourned at 11:51 AM.

Carried

Steven Foglia, Chair

Date

MAKING MAIN STREET NEWMARKET ACCESSIBLE MATTERS

Here's why:

- Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) mandates accessibility for all public spaces, including streets and sidewalks.
- Accessibility is not just a matter of convenience but a legal obligation to promote equal rights and opportunities for all citizens.
- It promotes inclusivity and ensures that everyone, regardless of physical ability, can fully participate in and enjoy our public spaces.
- Accessible and inclusive environments attract more visitors and customers. A Main Street that accommodates all individuals will likely see increased foot traffic, leading to higher revenues for businesses.
- Accessibility improvements can enhance property values and stimulate local economic development, as they make the area more attractive for residents, tourists, and businesses alike.
- The regrading of Main Street maintains the historical significance of our Main Street as part of Ontario's heritage.
- Accessibility improvements that can preserve the historical charm while making Main Street accessible to a broader range of visitors, including those with disabilities.
- There are many social benefits of creating inclusive spaces, including fostering a sense of community and belonging for all residents. An accessible Main Street promotes physical activity, improve mental well-being, and reduces social isolation among individuals with disabilities.
- Accessibility brings additional buying power and attracts more people to our Main Street.
- Accessible business attracts people with disabilities and their family and friends as your customers.
- Accessibility also helps others, individuals who are blind, deaf, seniors, young families with children (strollers, etc.)
- Investing in accessibility improvements now will yield long-term benefits for the community by creating a more inclusive and sustainable environment. Accessible infrastructure is not only socially responsible but also ensures that our Main Street remains viable and resilient.

Facts:

- 53% of Ontario's population has a disability or is related to someone who has a disability ⁽¹⁾
- Approximately 45% or 1.12 million Ontarians with disabilities have mobility related disabilities
- More than 40% of this population is over the age of 65
- As the population ages, this number will only grow
- In 2022, 6 in 10 persons with disabilities experienced barriers related to accessing indoor and outdoor public spaces ⁽²⁾

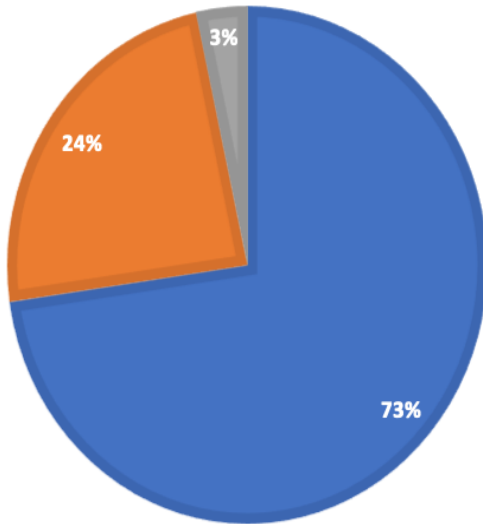
Accessibility Benefits Everyone

1. Ontario Business Improvement Area Association. <https://obiaa.com/>.
2. Accessible Standards Canada. <https://accessible.canada.ca/>.

The Town of Newmarket's Accessibility Advisory Committee

Approximate Total Number Businesses on Main Street Newmarket (from Water St. to Park Ave.)

Total number of businesses on Main St **64**
Total number of businesses with entrances at grade level **21**
Total number of businesses with automatic door openers **3**



Percentage of business that are not accessible
Percentage of business with entrances at grade level
Percentage of business with automatic door openers



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