



# Town of Newmarket

## Agenda

### Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date: Thursday, November 21, 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](http://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

##### 4.1 Fire Safety and Accessibility

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**Note:** Jennifer Baker, Fire and Life Safety Educator, Central York Fire Services will provide a presentation on this matter.

1. That the presentation provided by Jennifer Baker, Fire and Life Safety Educator, Central York Fire Services regarding Fire Safety and Accessibility be received.

##### \*4.2 Emergency Medical Services and Accessibility

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**Note:** Natalie Kedzierski, Deputy Chief, York Region Paramedic Services will provide a presentation on this matter.

1. That the presentation provided by Natalie Kedzierski, Deputy Chief, York Region Paramedic Services regarding Emergency Medical Services and Accessibility be received.

#### 5. Approval of Minutes

5.1	Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 19, 2024	25
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1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 19, 2024 be approved.

## 6. Items

6.1	Accessibility Advisory Committee Accomplishments 2023-24	31
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**Note:** Emily Thomas-Hopkins, Legislative Coordinator will speak to this matter.

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Accomplishments 2023-24 be approved.

6.2	Committee Checklist	33
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6.3	Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Training	
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**Note:** Committee to complete sixth module.

## 7. New Business

## 8. Adjournment



Central York Fire Services

**SUPPORT**

Accessibility Advisory Committee



**Central York Fire Services**  
*Who we are,  
and how we can help.*



PUBLIC EDUCATION



# FIRE PREVENTION



# FIRE SUPPRESSION (FIREFIGHTERS)

# COMMUNICATION





# COMFORT



# ACCOMMODATIONS



VIDEO:  
WILLOWS CARE HOME  
FIRE DRILL WITH CYFS



# BEFORE AND AFTER CARE





FOR MORE INFORMATION

[www.CYFS.ca](http://www.CYFS.ca)

**Non-emergency:**

**905-895-9222**

# QUESTIONS?



# Transporting Patients' Assistive Devices & Personal Items during an Emergency

Presentation to Newmarket's Accessibility Advisory  
Committee

Natalie Kedzierski, Deputy Chief, Paramedic  
Services, Community and Health Services

November 21, 2024



# Purpose

- Update the Town of Newmarket's Accessibility Advisory Committee on the process of transporting patients' assistive devices and personal items during emergencies
- Provide an overview of Paramedic Services' approach that is feasible and meets community needs



# Background

- York Region Paramedic Services drafted a new policy for transporting patients' assistive devices and personal items during emergencies
- Update provided to York Region's Accessibility Advisory Committee (YRAAC) on November 20, 2024

# Best Practices: Environmental Scan



# Ambulance Storage Options



# Ambulance: Interior



# Key Information about the Policy

## **A. Respect for Property and Dignity**

- Assistive devices will be safely stored and transported if possible, depending on several factors
- They will be transported in a manner that protects the property and respects the dignity and independence of patients

# Key Information about the Policy

## (continued)

### **B. Conditions for Transporting Assistive Devices**

- Does not interfere with patient care or result in excessive delay
- Patient has provided permission and instructions on handling the device, where applicable
- Safe storage is possible as determined at the discretion of the paramedic

# Key Information about the Policy (continued)

## C. Alternative Arrangements

- If safe storage is not possible, the paramedic will contact York Region's Mobility On-Request to arrange pick-up of the assistive device
- Efforts will be made to deliver assistive devices to patients and/or their emergency contact as promptly as possible

# Key Information about the Policy (continued)

## **D. Handling Personal Items**

- Valuable items may be refused (e.g., jewelry, bags)
- Patients may travel with one small personal item max
- Additional personal belongings will not be permitted
- Patients are responsible for finding alternative transport for their personal effects



# Conclusion - Next Steps

- Finalize the policy
- Implement the policy and educate paramedics
- Monitor and evaluate the policy's effectiveness

# Thank you!

Natalie Kedzierski, Deputy Chief Paramedic  
Services





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## Minutes

### Accessibility Advisory Committee

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

Staff Present: E. Thomas-Hopkins, Legislative Coordinator  
 C. Walsh, Recreation Programmer - Inclusion & Support Services

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM. Steve Foglia in the Chair.

#### 1. Notice

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

The Legislative Coordinator provided the following addition to the agenda:

- Item 6.5 - Site Plan Review

Moved by: Kelly Broome

Seconded by: Bev Moffatt

1. That the addition to the agenda provided by the Legislative Coordinator be approved.

**Carried**

### **3. Conflict of Interest Declarations**

None.

### **4. Presentations & Deputations**

None.

### **5. Approval of Minutes**

#### **5.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2024**

Moved by: Bev Moffatt

Seconded by: Kathleen Kedzierski

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2024 be approved.

**Carried**

### **6. Items**

#### **6.1 TD Music Series Follow-Up**

Steve Foglia provided a verbal update regarding TD Music Series Follow-Up including location of accessible sections, advertising accessible locations, wayfinding, and incorporating these measures into additional Town of Newmarket events.

The Director of Recreation and Culture discussed widening pathways, creating permanent lines for a widened pathway, wayfinding, adding staff to accessible areas, and increasing communication regarding accessible locations for events.

## **6.2 Georgina Discovery Library Branch Follow-Up**

Jeff Fabian provided a verbal update regarding the Georgina Discovery Library visit including an overview of the visit to the facility, resources reviewed, and incorporating feedback into Town of Newmarket facilities.

## **6.3 Accessibility Webpage**

Steve Foglia provided a verbal update regarding Accessibility Webpage including highlighting committee accomplishments on the Town of Newmarket website, adding pictures and videos of events and committee work and engaging communications staff for further ideas.

## **6.4 Public Review of the AODA for the Built Environment**

Steve Foglia provided a verbal update regarding Public Review of the AODA for the Built Environment including proposed amendments of type A and B parking spots, pathway ramps and accessible and universal washrooms.

Steve Foglia also provided a verbal update regarding the universal washroom at Upper Canada Mall including a public education regarding the use of a universal washroom.

## **6.5 Site Plan Review**

Steve Foglia provided a verbal update regarding Site Plan Review including comments from committee members, relevance and next steps.

Committee members queried if this process is necessary to complete at this time.

Moved by:                      Bev Moffatt

Seconded by:                  Kathleen Kedzierski

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee only receive and review site plan applications that pertain to commercial developments and Town applications.

**Carried**

## **6.6 Committee Checklist**

Members discussed items on the Committee Checklist including a site visit to the Georgina MURC, the York Region Administration Building and adding to the Town's website.

### **6.7 Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Training**

Members completed 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/>.

### **6.8 Accessibility Education Video**

Committee Members watched a video related to Accessibility which can be found [here](#).

## **7. New Business**

### **7.1 Summer Camp Update**

The Recreation Programmer - Inclusion and Support Services provided a verbal update regarding Summer Camp numbers including programs offered, community members served, adaptive programming, 1-1 support, day programs, adult day programs, senior inclusion facilitators, lifts and transfers, accessible options for families, feedback from the participants and family, and expanding adapting options.

### **7.2 Committee Accomplishments 2023-2024**

The Legislative Coordinator provided a verbal update regarding Committee Accomplishments 2023-2024 including that a draft memo will be brought forward at the next meeting for the Committee's approval to include in a final information report on the Town of Newmarket's Advisory Committee Accomplishments of 2023-2024 as set out in the Terms of Reference.

## **8. Adjournment**

Moved by: Bev Moffatt

Seconded by: Kelly Broome

1. That the meeting be adjourned at 12:10 PM.

**Carried**

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Steven Foglia, Chair

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Date







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## Memorandum

### Accessibility Advisory Committee Accomplishments 2023- 24

**Meeting Date:** November 21, 2024

#### **Purpose:**

To consult with the Accessibility Advisory Committee regarding 2023 and 2024 accomplishments.

#### **Background:**

The Terms of Reference for the Accessibility Advisory Committee state that, “a report or presentation summarizing the Committee’s accomplishments and/or workplan shall be provided to Council in the fourth quarter annually.” For 2024, an Information Report will summarize Advisory Committee accomplishments. This Report is expected to be distributed in December 2024.

#### **Discussion:**

Below is a list of accomplishments from the Accessibility Advisory Committee for 2023 and 2024:

#### **Work completed by the Accessibility Advisory Committee in 2023-24:**

- Completed four site plan reviews of providing recommendations on accessibility improvements to site plan applications submitted to the Town.
- Provided recommendations to Council for downtown accessible parking improvements and additions.
- Continued to review federal and provincial grants as made available.
- Provided comments and suggestions to staff to increase inclusion and accessibility at Town events.
- Visited facilities in nearby municipalities to gather information and insight to suggest accessible features at Town of Newmarket facilities.
- Provided comments to staff regarding barriers to accessibility around the Town of Newmarket.
- Provided comments to staff regarding improved accessibility at Town facilities (like the Ray Twinney Recreation Complex, the Municipal Offices at 395 Mulock Drive and the Magna Centre).
- Engaged the Newmarket – Aurora Member of Parliament and Member of Provincial Parliament to discuss how to make Main Street Newmarket more accessible.
- Consulted with staff regarding the Northwest Quadrant Project and Mulock Park project.
- Provided feedback as it relates to accessibility at a Newmarket Library brainstorming session.
- Completed training related to Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act legislation.

For more information, email the Clerk’s Office at [clerks@newmarket.ca](mailto:clerks@newmarket.ca).



**Newmarket Accessibility Advisory Committee  
Action Item List**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Date Assigned</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Date Closed</b>
1		Public Spaces Audits 1. Ray Twinney 2. Newmarket Theatre – New Roads 3. Old Town Hall	Committee			Ongoing.	
2		Main Street Visit – MP/MPP	Chair			Complete – staff to further discuss.	July 10, 2024.
3		Fairy Lake Washroom Project	Grant Coordinator			Ongoing.	
4		Accessible Parking Spaces at 395 Mulock Drive	Legislative Coordinator, Facilities	May 16, 2024		Complete.	June 4, 2024.
5		Mulock Park Property				Ongoing.	
6		Invitation for CYFS and York Region Paramedic Services to present on fire safety	Legislative Coordinator	May 16, 2024		CYFS and York Region Paramedic Services will attend the November 21, 2024 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting.	November 21, 2024.
7		Georgina MURC and Discovery Branch Visit	Legislative Coordinator	May 16, 2024		Committee met on August 8, 2024.	August 8, 2024.
8		Addition of Accessible Parking Space on Main Street	Regulatory Services	July 18, 2024		Complete, staff will undertake a parking review.	September 16, 2024.
9		Increasing Time Limit on Accessible Parking on Main Street to 3 Hours	Regulatory Services	July 18, 2024		Complete.	September 16, 2024.
10		York Region Atrium Tour	Legislative Coordinator	September 19, 2024		Scheduled for November 28, 2024.	November 28, 2024.

**Newmarket Accessibility Advisory Committee  
Action Item List**

11		Town of Newmarket Accessibility Website Review	Communications and Legislative Coordinator	September 19, 2024		Ongoing, staff will review current website and opportunities.	
12		Upper Canada Mall Washroom	Communications and Chair	September 19, 2024		To be scheduled with Communications staff.	
13		Newmarket Library Feedback Session Update	Staff	September 19, 2024		Ongoing.	