

The meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, March 23, 2017 in the Mulock Room, 395 Mulock Drive, Newmarket.

Members Present:      Coucillor Bisanz  
                                 Sharron Cooke  
                                 Steve Foglia, Chair  
                                 Linda Jones  
                                 Richard Wilson  
                                 Jeremy Slessor

Absent:                    Stephen Mckenzie

Staff Present:            H. Leznoff, Council/Committee Coordinator

Guests:                   Liz McClounie, Interpreter, Canadian Hearing Society

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM.

S. Foglia in the Chair.

### **Additions & Corrections to the Agenda**

None.

### **Presentations/Deputations**

None.

### **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

None.

### **Approval of Minutes**

1.      Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes of November 17, 2016.

Moved by:      Sharron Cooke  
Seconded by: Jeremy Slessor

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes of November 17, 2016 be approved.

**Carried**

## **Items for Discussion**

2. Receive the Resignation from Mrs. Gloria Couves

The Committee received Ms. Gloria Couves resignation.

3. Outdoor Patio Project Update

The Chair and Committee members gave feedback and comments regarding the issues at each of the patio locations from the previous summer including crowdedness, wheelchair access to the patio restricted by A frame signs, and lips or stairs. He provided background information about the concern regarding patios being wheelchair accessible. A Planner was present to discuss the designs of the patios from the previous season with the Committee and to provide potential solutions to improve the patio design for the upcoming year. The Planner indicated that he would set up a viewing with Committee members at the four businesses prior to the patios opening in April to identify areas of concern at each location.

Committee members also discussed ways to make downtown Newmarket more accessible.

Moved by: Sharron Cooke

Seconded by: Linda Jones

The Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends to Council:

1. That the committee request that Council consider ways to make as many entrances to Main Street buildings as accessible as possible.
4. Mobile Accessible Washrooms

Councillor Bisanz provided an update regarding the Mobile Accessible Washroom presentation by Mr. Derek Bunn provided to Council in February, 2017. She advised that Council received the presentation and referred the funding request to staff. She further advised that since the presentation to Council, the organization received 50,000.00 from the federal government which covered the cost for such mobile accessible washroom trailer. In addition, the

Regional Accessibility Committee also donated \$5,000.00

The Chair advised that he, Mr. Derek Bunn and Councillor Bisanz met with the management of Upper Canada Mall to discuss renovations to the mall bathrooms and making a fully accessible washroom with lift and table. He provided the Committee with an overview of the current washroom scenario and the discussions with mall management which included input on the renovations and the Committees' involvement in future renovations.

5. Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee Networking Event.

The Chair advised the Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee Networking Event will be on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at the York Region Offices on Yonge Street from 8:30 to 3:00 PM. He also advised that he is looking for two or three members to attend the event.

6. Accessible Taxi Service Update and Communication Plan Discussion.

The Council/Committee Coordinator provided an overview of the proposed communication plan and asked the Committee for their feedback. A suggestion was made to make posters to display at various Town facilities and at other community organizations. The Committee had a discussion about accessible mobility services. The Council/Committee Coordinator advised that she would work with the Communications Department to develop communication materials and circulate them to the Committee when available.

7. Correspondence from Infrastructure and Environmental Coordinator regarding enhancing accessible parking at Magna.

The Committee reviewed an e-mail and attached drawings and provided feedback. The Committee indicated that the proposed five minute temporary parking would be adequate. However, the Committee does not support either of the two proposed options and indicated that they would like the Infrastructure and Environmental Coordinator to attend the next meeting so that the proposed options can be discussed further.

8. College Manor Park Update.

The Council/Committee Coordinator provided Committee members with a written update from the Director of Engineering Services. Committee Members requested further information and requested confirmation that a report produced by a Committee Member was circulated to the resident involved. The Committee also requested that staff from the Parks Department attend the next meeting to discuss College Manor Park and Glenway developments and that the

Committee be involved with future Town park upgrades and projects.

9. National Access Awareness Week Discussion (deferred from November 17, 2016 Meeting).

The National Access Awareness Week discussion was deferred to the next meeting so that the Recreation Programmer could attend.

Moved by: Councillor Bisanz

Seconded by: Sharron Cooke

The Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends to Council:

1. That the Town of Newmarket proclaim National Access Awareness Week as May 28 to June 4, 2017.

10. Confirmation of the Accessibility Advisory Committee 2017 Meeting Schedule.

The Council Committee Coordinator advised of the proposed 2017 Meeting Schedule. The Committee suggested a few modifications to the dates and meeting locations of the meetings, which included a vote to use the Municipal Offices rather than the Magna Centre for future meetings. The Council/Committee Coordinator advised that she would circulate the new meeting schedule.

11. Workplan Discussion

The Council/Committee Coordinator reviewed the 2014-2018 Workplan and Committee members provided background information, context and updates on for various workplan projects. The Committee requested that Newmarket Theatre be the next facilities to be audited. The Council/Committee Coordinator indicated that she would set up a day and time for the audit and would advise Committee members once it was arranged. The Committee requested an update on the Accessible Logo be provided at the next meeting.

## **New Business**

None.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:23 PM.

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Steve Foglia, Chair