



# Town of Newmarket

## Accessibility Advisory Committee

### Agenda

Date: Thursday, June 21, 2018  
Time: 10:30 AM  
Location: Council Chambers  
Municipal Offices  
395 Mulock Drive  
Newmarket, ON L3Y 4X7

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The meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, May 17, 2018 in the Council Chambers, 395 Mulock Drive, Newmarket.

Members Present:                 Steve Foglia Chair  
  Linda Jones  
  Councillor Bisanz  
  Richard Wilson

Regrets:                                 Aaron Firth  
  Jeremy Slessor  
  Kelsy McIntosh

Staff Present:                         K Saini, Deputy Town Clerk  
  H. Leznoff, Council/Committee Coordinator  
  N. Evans, Supervisor, Parks  
  A. Fox, Operator, General Parks and Special Events

Guest:

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 AM, with Steve Foglia in the Chair.

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

## **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

## **Presentation & Deputations**

There were no presentations or deputations.

## **Approval of Minutes**

**1. Newmarket Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2018**

Moved by: Richard Wilson  
 Seconded by: Linda Jones

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2018 be approved.

**Carried**

**Items for Discussion**

**2. Continuation of Playground Improvement Presentation**

The Supervisor, Parks and Operator, General Parks and Special Events continued a presentation regarding playground improvements. They outlined the timelines for installation, and reviewed the park designs including park materials, equipment such as swings and benches, accessible washrooms and pathways.

The Committee suggested that rather than woodchips, rubber surfaces be used on parks to make them more accessible.

**3. Site Plan Discussion**

The Committee confirmed that Steve Foglia and Richard Wilson will be the point of contact regarding Site Plan Applications. They further advised that they would review all applications and bring relevant ones before the Committee for further comments. Then, they would compile feedback and submit it to the Planning Department.

**4. Update from Chair regarding Site Visit at Old Town Hall**

The Chair advised that he met with staff at the Old Town hall and many issues raised by the committee at their site visit had been, or will be addressed including the landing being roped off, grading of the stairs, handrail locations in the washrooms, and an alternative accessible entrance identified.

Staff advised that they are preparing budget for an accessible washroom at the youth centre.

## **5. Workplan Update/Committee Accomplishments Presentation**

The Council Committee Coordinator advised that the Committee will be required to present their Workplan accomplishments at a Council workshop held on June 25, 2018. She further advised that the presentation from the Committee should highlight the Committee's achievements over the 2014-2018 term.

## **6. National Access Awareness Week – update from Sub-Committee**

The Recreation Programmer, Family and Special Needs provided an overview of the plans for celebrating National Access Awareness Week including:

- the Inclusion Base Director will be attending elementary schools to talk about and promote accessibility and inclusive schools
- Celebration on Saturday June 2, 2018 at the Farmers Market/Community Centre & Lions Hall
  - Guest attendees including artists, magician, writer and singer
  - Information exhibitions
  - Sensory art session facilitated by Deafblind Ontario
  - Interactive pathways to awareness integrative activities

## **7. Availability for June 21 Meeting – election presentation**

The Council/Committee Coordinator advised that there would be a presentation at the next Committee meeting regarding the 2018 municipal election and internet/telephone voting. She asked Committee members to confirm their availability as soon as possible to establish quorum for the meeting.

## **New Business**

### **1. Accessibility on Main Street**

The Council/Committee Coordinator provided an update.

### **2. Upper Canada Mall**

The Chair advised that Upper Canada Mall will be installing fully accessible washroom in 2019. He further advised that there will be temporary improvements to the current accessible washrooms until the renovations are completed.

## **Adjournment**

Moved by: Richard Wilson  
Seconded by: Linda Jones

1. There being no further business, the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 11:51 PM.

Date

Steve Foglia, Chair

# **Newmarket Accessibility Advisory Committee**

# Workplan Areas

- Public Awareness Campaign
  - Annual Accessibility Award
  - National Access Awareness Week
- York Region Area Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting
- Amendments to the Municipal Act, 2001
- Accessibility Audits of Town Facilities
- Consultation with Staff on Town projects
- Site Plan Review Process



# Accomplishments 2014-2018 Term

## Town Facility Audits

- Magna Centre
- Ray Twinney
- Community Centre and Lions Hall
- Old Town Hall
- Newmarket Theatre

# Consultation

- Provided feedback on park improvements including park equipment, materials, design etc.
- Providing feedback regarding the Magna Centre parking lot design changes
- Provided feedback on upcoming capital projects
- Provide input and support of York Region Diversity and Inclusivity Charter
- Suggest Signage to improve communication of accessibility in Parks (e.g. College Manor Park)
- Website redesign

# Consultation Con't

- Council Chambers AV Project Consultation
  - Consulted with staff on proposed improvements
  - Attended vendor demos to evaluate the products
- Accessible Washroom - Upper Canada Mall and Ray Twinney
  - Met with management from the mall to initiate the construction of a fully accessible washroom at Upper Canada Mall (Hoyer lit and an adjustable adult change table). Renovations will be completed in 2019
  - Inspected washrooms at mall for accessibility and provided feedback for future renovations or upgrades
  - Inspected Ray Twinney complex and recommended improvements for a fully accessible washroom
- Downtown Main Street Patio Project
  - Provided comments prior to the start of the pilot project and provided feedback and recommendations for the project going forward
- Municipal Election
  - Support internet voting for the 2018 election
  - Audit of voter assistance centres (once selected) for accessibility
  - Endorse the Accessibility Plan for the Municipal Election

# Completed Projects

- National Access Awareness Week
  - Planning and participating in yearly celebration of National Access Awareness Week
- Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Updates
  - Provided comments and endorse the annual Accessibility Plan Updates
- Council Chambers AV Project Consultation
  - Consulted with staff on proposed improvements
  - Attended vendor demos to evaluate the products
- Improvements to AAC's role in the Site Plan Review Process

# Ongoing initiatives (present- next term)

- Making Downtown Newmarket more accessible initiatives
  - Collaborate with staff and BIA to develop options and raise awareness
- Accessible Taxis

# AAC Members

Christina Bisanz  
Steve Foglia, Chair  
Linda Jones  
Jeremy Slessor  
Kelsy McIntosh  
Richard Wilson  
Aaron Firth