

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