

Appendix B to Multi-Year Plan: Newmarket Accessibility Advisory Committee 2013-2018 Projects

Since the implementation of the Town of Newmarket's first Multi-Year Accessibility Plan in 2013, the Newmarket Accessibility Advisory Committee has been an integral part of the Town's strategy. The sections below provide an overview of the numerous projects on which the Committee has provided advice and assistance to Town Council and staff.

2014

- Performed Accessibility Audits of Town facilities
 - The Newmarket Accessibility Advisory Committee identified 11 facilities that require accessibility audits and/or reviews in early 2014. To date, three audits have been completed: Newmarket Community Centre and Lions Hall, Magna Centre and Ray Twinney Recreation Complex. These three facilities were given priority status due to their use as voting facilities in the 2014 municipal election.
- Organized National Access Awareness Week celebrations; the Committee hosted a successful National Access Awareness Week from June 2 – June 6, 2014. Activities held during the week-long celebration of accessibility and abilities included a community awareness evening with participation from organizations including the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Canadian Hearing Society and Canadian Mental Health Association, MV-1 Accessible Vehicles, a Town of Newmarket versus Town of Aurora Staff Sledge Hockey Challenge, a Wheelchair Basketball Challenge between Sir William Mulock and Dr. Dennison High Schools and various interactive events and displays. National Access Awareness Week continues to grow each year, with plans underway for the 2015 events.
- Participated in a Joint York Region/Newmarket Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting to review plans for the Regional Annex building.
- Reviewed plans and provided recommendations for the initiatives and projects which include the following: accessible trail initiatives in York Region, Newmarket's Off-Leash Dog Park and the York Region Annex Building.
- Reviewed legislation to permit alternate forms of committee meeting attendance, specifically related to Accessibility Advisory Committees.
- Provided advice on the Town of Newmarket's Accessibility Plan update.
- Continued to work with staff on the development of the Town of Newmarket website.
- Participated in York Region's Emergency Preparedness Meetings in order to ensure that the most vulnerable are not overlooked in the event of an emergency.
- Attended and participated in the York Region Area Accessibility Advisory Meeting.
- Worked with the Legislative Services Department to develop the Accessible Election Plan.

- Provided ongoing public awareness of accessibility.

2015

- Organized National Access Awareness Week Celebrations
 - The Committee hosted a successful National Access Awareness Week event on June 1, 2015 outside the Recreation Pop-Up Shop at the Upper Canada Mall. The event, celebrating accessibility and abilities included an experiential maze and wheelchair dancing demonstration.
- Reviewed plans and provided recommendations for the initiatives and projects which include the following:
 - the location of an additional accessible parking space on Main Street in downtown Newmarket;
 - a proposed sidewalk installation on Millard Avenue;
 - a proposed sidewalk installation on Srigley Street.
- Inspected sidewalks to ensure that new and replacement sidewalk slabs are constructed in accordance with the Town's sidewalk standard (by removing troweling around expansion joints), which was implemented as a result of an Accessibility Advisory Committee recommendation.
- Reviewed Site Plan applications and provided recommendations on accessibility related conditions to staff.
- Provided advice on the Town of Newmarket's Accessibility Plan update.
- Provided ongoing public awareness of accessibility.

2016

- Organized National Access Awareness Week Celebrations
 - The Committee continues to host annual National Access Awareness Week events. The 2016 event celebrating accessibility and abilities was held on Saturday, June 4 at the Farmer's Market.
- Reviewed plans and provided recommendations for the initiatives and projects which include the following:
 - a proposed sidewalk installation on Millard Avenue;
 - proposed reconstruction of Park Avenue;
 - Main Street outdoor patio pilot project;
 - Recommended that the Town enter into an agreement with the City of Vaughan for the provision of accessible taxicabs in Newmarket.
- Inspected sidewalks to ensure that new and replacement sidewalk slabs are constructed in accordance with the Town's sidewalk standard (by removing troweling around expansion joints), which was implemented as a result of an Accessibility Advisory Committee recommendation.
- Reviewed Site Plan applications and provided recommendations on accessibility related conditions to staff.
- Provided advice on the Town of Newmarket's Accessibility Plan update.

- Provided ongoing public awareness of accessibility.

2017

- Consulted, reviewed plans and provided recommendations for the initiatives and projects which include the following:
 - Main Street Outdoor Patio Project.
 - Accessibility enhancement to the Magna Centre parking lot and entrance.
 - Proposed new play equipment and park improvements to the following public spaces:
 - Seneca Cook Parkette
 - Fairgrounds Park
 - Drew Doak Park
 - Sunnyhill Park
 - Jacarandah Park
 - Frank Stronach Splash Pad and Park updates
 - Accessible washroom renovation at Upper Canada Mall
 - New signage for Historic Downtown Main Street
 - York Region Diversity and Inclusivity Charter
 - New signage for College Manor Park
 - Meeting room audio/visual renovations and upgrades, including:
 - Three styles of assisted hearing devices in the Council Chambers
 - Closed Captioning on archived video streams
 - Online and Telephone Voting for the 2018 Municipal Election consultation
 - Conducted audits of Town facilities including:
 - The Newmarket Theatre
 - Old Town Hall
 - Reviewed Site Plan applications and provided recommendations on accessibility related conditions to staff.
 - Provided advice on the Town of Newmarket's Accessibility Plan update.
 - Provided ongoing public awareness of accessibility.
 - Making Downtown Newmarket more accessible
 - A staff working group has been established and will report back to the Committee in 2018.

2018

- Consulted, reviewed plans and provided recommendations for the initiatives and projects which include the following:
 - Frank Stronach Splash Pad and Park updates
 - Internet and Telephone Voting for the 2018 Municipal Election consultation
 - Accessible washroom renovation at Upper Canada Mall
 - Davis Drive Breathing Space
 - Arkinstall Splash Pad
 - Review of east entrance to Magna Centre

- Proposed new play equipment and park improvements to the following public spaces:
 - Beswick Park
 - Environmental Park
 - George Richardson Park
 - Whipper Watson Park
 - Fairgrounds Park Batting Cage
- Conducted audits of Town facilities including:
 - Old Town Hall
 - Ray Twinney Recreation Complex
 - Magna Centre
 - Newmarket Theatre
- Reviewed Site Plan applications and provided recommendations on accessibility related conditions to staff.
- Provide advice on the Town of Newmarket's Accessibility Plan update
- Provided ongoing public awareness of accessibility.