

- Present: Diane Bladec-Willett
Steve Foglia (Chair)
Ursula Rehdner
Councillor Twinney
Wendi Williams-Gordon
- Regrets: Naeem Bacchus
Laura Charpentier
- Staff: Lisa Lyons, Deputy Clerk
Sarah Niezen, Records and Projects Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 10:37 a.m.

Steve Foglia in the Chair.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

**1. ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES – OCTOBER 15, 2013 – ITEM 1
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Moved by Wendi Williams- Gordon
Seconded by Ursula Rehdner**

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes of April 16, 2013 be approved.

CARRIED

**2. ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES – OCTOBER 15, 2013 – ITEM 2
YORK REGION AREA ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY MEETING – EAST GWILLIMBURY**

Discussion ensued regarding sending a representative to the York Region Area Accessibility Advisory Meeting in East Gwillimbury on October 26, 2013. As no committee members are able to attend, Wendi Williams-Gordon, Pat McIntosh, Recreation Programmer and Lisa Lyons, Deputy Clerk will see if they are able to attend. The representative will be asked to give a brief 3 – 4 minute presentation on the accomplishments or challenges of the Committee. If no staff is able to attend a brief report will be drafted by the Committee and sent.

3. **ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES – OCTOBER 15, 2013 – ITEM 3
YORK REGION TRANSIT FARE SUBSIDY PILOT PROGRAM**

Discussion ensued regarding the York Region Transit Fare Subsidy Program which transitions from a pilot program into a permanent program on January 1, 2014. The program is currently limited to those on Ontario Works or the Ontario Disability Support Program for transit costs related to employment.

**Moved by Wendi Williams-Gordon
Seconded by Diane Bladek-Willett**

THAT the Chair of the Newmarket Accessibility Advisory Committee congratulate the Regional Municipality of York on approving this program, and request that consideration be given to expanding the program to those on disability pensions and others on fixed incomes.

CARRIED

4. **ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES – OCTOBER 15, 2013 – ITEM 4
INTEGRATED ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS REGULATION POLICY**

The Deputy Clerk provided a verbal update on the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation Policy and current compliance progress. A staff working group will be assembled to implement the policy and a training program for all staff will be made available. The training program will consist of a training module similar to the one developed by the Region of York. The multi-year accessibility plan is due before the end of 2013 and staff is working to meet that deadline.

An update was provided regarding the e-agenda management suite currently being implemented for Council and Committee of the Whole. A brief discussion ensued regarding the use of two-way communication technology to allow the public who are physically unable to attend meetings to participate. Currently under the *Municipal Act* voting members are unable to participate in municipal meetings using such technology.

5. **ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES – OCTOBER 15, 2013 – ITEM 5
INTERNET VOTING**

The Deputy Clerk provided a verbal update regarding the planning for the 2014 Municipal Election and the option of using internet voting. The Committee indicated that while this would increase accessibility to those who aren't able to attend voting locations it should not preclude offering paper ballots at voting locations. There was discussion around the accessibility of the voting locations and large print ballots during the last election.

**Moved by Councillor Twinney
Seconded by Diane Bladek-Willett**

The Newmarket Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends to Council:

THAT the Newmarket Accessibility Advisory Committee supports the addition of internet voting to the current model.

CARRIED

6. **ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES – OCTOBER 15, 2013 – ITEM 6
ACTION ITEM LIST**

Discussion ensued regarding the draft action item list. A column should be added to the form to prioritize the items. The Committee will review the form and the items and provide their comments to staff by November 1, 2013.

7. **ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES – OCTOBER 15, 2013 – ITEM 7
NATIONAL ACCESS AWARENESS WEEK – BUDGET REQUEST**

Discussion ensued regarding a budget for National Access Awareness Week. Ursula Rehdner advised that she would send staff the budget breakdown for the 2013 event.

**Moved by Ursula Rehdner
Seconded by Wendi Williams-Gordon**

The Newmarket Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends to Council:

THAT a \$1500 budget be requested for the annual National Access Awareness Week event.

CARRIED

8. **ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES – OCTOBER 15, 2013 – ITEM 8
NEWMARKET THEATRE – ACCESSIBILITY**

Discussion ensued regarding accessibility of the theatre seating at the Newmarket Theatre. There are no handrails available for navigating the steps of the seating area. Comparison was made to the handrails at the Markham Theatre. It was suggested that a thorough accessibility audit of all Town facilities be undertaken in 2014 and that the Newmarket Theatre form part of this.

9. **ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES – OCTOBER 15, 2013 – ITEM 9
TANNERY – ACCESSIBLE WASHROOMS**

Discussion ensued regarding the accessibility of the washrooms at the Tannery, 465 Davis Drive. The Chair will write a letter on behalf of the Committee to the Management of the Tannery requesting that the washrooms be made more accessible.

10. **ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES – OCTOBER 15, 2013 – ITEM 10
MEETING TIMES**

Discussion ensued regarding the scheduling of Committee meetings.

**Moved by Diane Bladec-Willett
Seconded by Ursula Rehdner**

THAT the remainder of the Committee meetings for 2013 be moved from the third Tuesday of the month to the third Thursday, and that the meeting schedule for 2014 reflect this change as well.

CARRIED

**11. ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES – OCTOBER 15, 2013 – ITEM 11
FAIRY LAKE AMPHITHEATRE / RIVERWALK COMMONS – ACCESSIBLE SEATING**

Discussion ensued regarding the accessibility of seating areas at the Fairy Lake amphitheatre and Riverwalk Commons. The Committee received a copy of a letter addressed to Councillor Hempen stating that there was a lack of accessible seating available for seniors at the Fairy Lake amphitheatre and Riverwalk Commons. It was suggested that an additional paved pathway to the amphitheatre be installed for those with visual disabilities.

**Moved by Wendi Williams-Gordon
Seconded by Councillor Twinney**

The Newmarket Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends to Council:

THAT the correspondence from Mr. Al Hache regarding accessible seating be received and referred to staff.

CARRIED

**12. ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES – OCTOBER 15, 2013 – ITEM 12
TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Discussion ensued regarding the Committee Terms of Reference. This will be incorporated in an upcoming committee review by the Legislative Services department. The committee would like specific areas to be addressed such as committee membership, the recruitment of volunteers from the community to assist with planning activities, and the use of technology to increase inclusion in meetings.

**Moved by Ursula Rehdner
Seconded by Councillor Twinney**

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

Dated

Steve Foglia, Chair



Town of Newmarket **MINUTES**

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mulock Room, 395 Mulock Dr.
Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.

- Present: Diane Bladec-Willett
Laura Charpentier (left at 11:50 a.m.)
Steve Foglia (Chair)
Ursula Rehdner
Councillor Twinney (10:43 – 11:45 a.m.)
Wendi Williams-Gordon
- Regrets: Naeem Bacchus
- Guest: Sandra Fox, Interpreter – Canadian Hearing Society
- Staff: Lisa Lyons, Deputy Clerk (11:10 - 12:30 p.m.)
Sarah Niezen, Records and Projects Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 10:43 a.m.

Steve Foglia in the Chair.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

1. ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES – APRIL 16, 2013 – ITEM 1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes of February 16, 2013 were amended by removing “Newmarket Accessibility Awareness Week” contained within Item 2 and replacing it with “National Access Awareness Week”.

**Moved by Wendi Williams- Gordon
Seconded by Councillor Twinney**

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes of February 16, 2013 as amended, be approved.

CARRIED

2. ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES – APRIL 16, 2013 – ITEM 2 MV-1 ACCESSIBLE VEHICLE PRESENTATION

Joel Dembe, Community Relations Manager of MV-1 Canada gave a presentation and demonstration of the MV-1 accessible vehicle.

Discussion ensued regarding the vehicle and its possible uses in the transportation industry. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of having the MV-1 introduced to the local taxi cab industry.

**3. ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES – APRIL 16, 2013 – ITEM 3
PROCLAMATION REGARDING NATIONAL ACCESS AWARENESS WEEK**

Proclamation regarding National Access Awareness Week for Submission to Committee of the Whole at its meeting of April 29, 2013.

**Moved by Wendi Williams-Gordon
Seconded by Ursula Rehdner**

The Newmarket Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends to Council:

- 1. THAT the Town of Newmarket proclaim June 2 – 8, 2013 as “National Access Awareness Week”;**
- 2. AND THAT the proclamation be advertised in the Town Page advertisement and on the Town’s website www.newmarket.ca**

CARRIED

**4. ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES – APRIL 16, 2013 – ITEM 4
NAAW SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Planning for the June 4 event is continuing. The name of the event is “Celebrating Accessibility and Abilities”. A banner, signs and posters advertising the event are being made. The Community Centre and Lions Hall has been booked for the event. Staff is requested to issue invitations to the Mayor and Regional Councillor. There will be a Town of Newmarket booth advertising Town accessible services. The Committee would like to request that this be manned and that it advertise things such as the sidewalk policy, service pricing etc.

**5. ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES – APRIL 16, 2013 – ITEM 5
MAIN STREET – ON STREET ACCESSIBLE PARKING**

Engineering Services Report 2013-18 dated March 14, 2013 regarding on street accessible parking was discussed. The Committee commented favourably on the placement of parking spaces on both the east and west sides of the street and for providing parking near the Catholic Church. The Committee would like to commend staff and Councillor Sponga for addressing this issue.

The Committee would like to inquire as the background behind this report and whether or not any complaints from the public have been appropriately addressed.

**Moved by Ursula Rehdner
Seconded by Diane Bladec-Willett**

THAT Engineering Services Report 2013-18 dated March 14, 2013 regarding on street accessible parking be received and that feedback regarding any existing complaints be reported back.

CARRIED

**6. ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES – APRIL 16, 2013 – ITEM 6
TOWN HALL INTERIOR SIGNS**

The proposed design for new interior Town Hall signs were presented to the Committee and discussion ensued. The Committee recommends that issues such as glare from the finish, including braille on certain signs, and ensuring that the plaque signs are placed at the optimal height be addressed. The CNIB design elements for signage and the draft Regional Accessibility Design Guide were recommended as resources.

**7. ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES – APRIL 16, 2013 – ITEM 7
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FORUMS 2013**

Accessibility Advisory Committee Forum May 22, 2013 in Toronto at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of several committee members attending the forum this year. Transportation costs will be covered by the Town for anyone wishing to attend.

**8. ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES – APRIL 16, 2013 – ITEM 8
NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion ensued regarding the upcoming Special Olympics. A promotional video was presented.

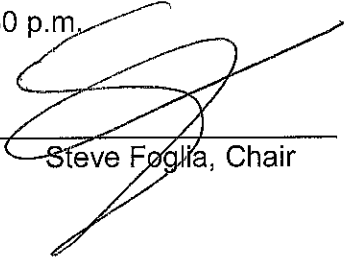
**Moved by Wendi Bladec-Willett
Seconded by Ursula Rehdner**

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Dated



Steve Foglia, Chair