



Town of Newmarket

Minutes

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date: Thursday, November 18, 2021
Time: 10:30 AM
Location: Electronic VIA ZOOM
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Members Present: Steve Foglia, Chair
Jeffrey Fabian
Martha Jez (10:32 AM - 10:56 AM)
Allen Matrosov
Patricia Monteath
Sara Pecchia
Huma Tahir

Members Absent: Linda Jones
Councillor Simon

Staff Present: A. Walkom, Legislative Coordinator
J. Grossi, Legislative Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 10:32 AM.
Steve Foglia in the Chair.

1. Notice

Steve Foglia advised that members of the public were encouraged to attend an electronic Advisory Committee or Board Meeting by joining through the ZOOM information provided with the agenda.

2. Additions & Corrections to the Agenda

None.

3. Conflict of Interest Declarations

None.

4. Presentations & Deputations

4.1 Making Main Street Accessible - Audit Update

Steve Foglia provided a presentation which reviewed the business accessibility audits completed on Main Street to date, and thanked Jeff Fabian and Councillor Simon for their assistance. The Members discussed plans for spring 2022 audits, the impacts of Public Health regulations regarding COVID-19 on the layout of businesses, and accessibility enhancements for the 2022 patio program.

Moved by: Patricia Monteath

Seconded by: Huma Tahir

1. That the presentation provided by Steve Foglia regarding the Making Main Street Accessible - Audit Update be received.

Carried

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2021

Moved by: Patricia Monteath

Seconded by: Allen Matrosov

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2021 be approved.

Carried

6. Items

6.1 Site Plan Application Review: Ward 2 – 1240 Twinney and 1250 Davis Dr (Rice Group Phase 2)

The Members discussed the Site Plan application for Ward 2 – 1240 Twinney and 1250 Davis Dr (Rice Group Phase 2) and provided comment on potential issues with the access between buildings, and van accessible parking spaces.

6.2 Site Plan Application Accessibility Checklist

The Members discussed the attached Site Plan Application Accessibility Checklist and the opportunity for updates related to the new Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities (AODA) standards. They further reviewed standards for the slope of ramps, and type a and b parking spaces. Staff advised that Planning staff would be available for questions at a future meeting.

Moved by: Jeffrey Fabian

Seconded by: Huma Tahir

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends that the Site Plan Application Accessibility Checklist be updated to reflect the new Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities (AODA) standards.

Carried

6.3 Chair Updates

Steve Foglia provided an update on the following sub-items:

Accessible Parking at Upper Canada Mall

- The Upper Canada Mall Manager has been contacted regarding the van accessible parking spaces, and a further update will be provided when available.

Universal Washrooms at the York Region Annex

- Feedback has been provided to York Region regarding this development and the recommendation to install two universal washrooms was provided.

York Region's 2021 Accessibility Advisory Committee Professional Development Forum

- Those in attendance at the forum discussed the book entitled Can't Read, Can't Write, Here's My Book – The Journey: Michael Jacques, regarding his experiences with autism.

7. New Business

7.1 Mulock Property Tour

Steve Foglia advised that the Accessibility Advisory Committee would be offered a tour of the Mulock Property in November or Spring 2022.

7.2 2022 Schedule of Meetings

1. That the following 2022 schedule of meetings for the Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved:
 - January 20
 - February 17
 - March 17
 - May 19
 - July 21
 - September 15

7.3 Committee Updates

- Jeff Fabian queried Staff regarding the annual update to the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan, and staff advised that the 2021 document would be brought to the Committee for review in early 2022.
- Allen Matrosov raised concerns with the Metrolinx expansions and transportation to the terminals.

8. Adjournment

Moved by: Huma Tahir

Seconded by: Patricia Monteath

1. That the meeting be adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Carried

Steven Foglia, Chair

Date