



Town of Newmarket

Minutes

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date: Thursday, October 19, 2023
Time: 10:30 AM
Location: Streamed live from the Municipal Offices
395 Mulock Drive
Newmarket, ON L3Y 4X7

Members Present: Steve Foglia, Chair
Jeffrey Fabian
Huma Tahir
Steve King
Kathleen Kedzierski
Bev Moffatt
Mitsy Jones-Bailey

Members Absent: Kelly Broome

Staff Present: V. Kendra, Supervisor, Programs, Recreation and Culture Services
E. Thomas-Hopkins, Legislative Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 10:31 AM. Steve Foglia in the Chair.

1. Notice

Steve Foglia advised that members of the public were encouraged to attend an Advisory Committee or Board Meeting by viewing the live stream available at newmarket.ca/meetings, or attending in person at the Council Chambers at 395 Mulock Drive.

2. Additions & Corrections to the Agenda

The Legislative Coordinator advised that there was one correction to the agenda:

- Item 6.5 - Canada's Enabling Accessibility Fund Grants - Fairy Lake Washrooms, this update will be provided at a later date.

3. Conflict of Interest Declarations

None.

4. Presentations & Deputations

None.

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2023

Moved by: Jeffrey Fabian

Seconded by: Kathleen Kedzierski

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2023 be approved.

Carried

6. Items

6.1 Accessibility at the Stickwood Walker Property

Steve Foglia discussed accessibility at the Stickler Daycare Property including dimensions of the ramps, railings, and the current placement of benches on the property.

6.2 Update on Main Street Accessibility Barriers

Steve Foglia discussed an article on accessibility on Main Street featured in Newmarket Today.

Staff provided a verbal update to barriers on Main Street. The curb cut is scheduled to be addressed in conjunction with an upcoming Newmarket Hydro project.

Members of the Committee discussed accessibility on Main Street and Council involvement and availability in the budget for improving accessibility on Main Street. Members discussed interest in a site visit of

Main Street with Members of Council and will provide a presentation of the findings after the walkthrough to Council at a later date.

6.3 Accessibility Check-list Review

Members of the Committee reviewed the existing Accessibility check-list used by the Accessibility Advisory Committee for past Town facility audits and made changes to various sections of the list. Members of the Committee discussed learning more about Accessibility check-lists and how the Town uses the check-list at a new site.

Members requested an education session on AODA. This will be provided by Chair Steve Foglia at an upcoming meeting.

Moved by: Bev Moffatt

Seconded by: Jeffrey Fabian

1. That the Accessibility Check-List be approved as amended.

Carried

6.4 Accessibility Audit Review

Members discussed completing updated audits of the Ray Twinney Recreation Complex and Newmarket Theatre.

6.5 Canada's Enabling Accessibility Fund Grants - Fairy Lake Washrooms

An update on this item will be provided at a later date.

7. New Business

7.1 Business of Accessibility Handbook

Jeff Fabian discussed the Business of Accessibility Handbook produced by the Ontario BIA Association and how it remains a good resource for downtown businesses, local residents and business owners.

7.2 Crosswalk Timing

Kathleen Kedzierski discussed an entrance and crosswalk into Upper Canada Mall that is challenging for mobility device users. Members discussed amount of time given to cross intersections before the light changes and consideration of different solutions that other municipalities

use. Steve Foglia discussed that the Region is currently discussing the amount of time given at crosswalks.

7.3 York Region Accessible Trails

Steve Foglia provided a video presented by York Region on updated accessible trails. Members of the Committee discussed trail accessibility, how grading can improve accessibility, and considerations of solutions to improving trails.

8. Adjournment

Moved by: Jeffrey Fabian

Seconded by: Huma Tahir

- 1. That the meeting be adjourned at 11:42 AM.

Carried

Steven Foglia, Chair

Date