



Town of Newmarket

Minutes

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024
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
Kelly Broome
Kathleen Kedzierski
Bev Moffatt

Members Absent: Steve King
Mitsy Jones-Bailey

Staff Present: K. Saini, Deputy Town Clerk
E. Thomas-Hopkins, Legislative Coordinator
C. Walsh, Recreation Programmer - Inclusion & Support Services

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 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 in person at the Council Chambers at 395 Mulock Drive.

2. Additions & Corrections to the Agenda

None.

3. Conflict of Interest Declarations

None.

4. Presentations & Deputations

4.1 Mulock House Design

Bill White and David Ecclestone provided a presentation on the Mulock House Design update including design progress, accessibility strategies, inclusive design options, operational limitations for elevators, washrooms and turning radii, site connections progress updates, ramp locations, door widths, accessible/barrier-free pathways, and entrances to the site.

Members queried Bill White and David Ecclestone on Ontario Building Code requirements, emergency exits, way-finding to barrier-free locations, use of 1:15 slope of ramp versus 1:12, width of the elevators, door widths, use of automatic door operators, and engaging with Central York Fire Services for consultation on barrier-free emergency exits.

Moved by: Kathleen Kedzierski

Seconded by: Jeffrey Fabian

1. That the presentation provided by Bill White, Project Management Leader - Mulock Property and David Ecclestone, Architect, +VG Architects, be received.

Carried

4.2 Accessibility for Ontarians With Disabilities Act (AODA) Education Session

Members worked to complete an online module regarding training on the legislation Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). This training is free and is available at <https://www.aoda.ca/free-online-training/>.

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1 Accessibility Advisory Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2023

Moved by: Huma Tahir

Seconded by: Bev Moffatt

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2023 be approved.

Carried

5.2 Accessibility Advisory Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2023

Moved by: Jeffrey Fabian

Seconded by: Kathleen Kedzierski

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2023 be approved.

Carried

6. Items

6.1 Canada's Enabling Accessibility Fund Grants - Fairy Lake Washroom Update

Brett Morrow, Grants Coordinator provided an update regarding the Enabling Accessibility Fund grant and that this project is not currently eligible due to a change in eligibility requirements in which Newmarket does not meet. Brett will continue to pursue grant opportunities for this project.

Moved by: Jeffrey Fabian

Seconded by: Kelly Broome

1. That the verbal update provided by Brett Morrow, Grants Coordinator regarding Canada's Enabling Accessibility Fund be received.

Carried

6.2 Main Street Site Visit - Next Steps

Members will meet at the beginning of April on Main Street for a site visit with Newmarket's Member of Parliament and Member of Provincial Parliament to discuss Accessibility on Main Street.

6.3 National AccessAbility Week (NAAW)

Steve Foglia reminded members of the upcoming National AccessAbility Week and that York Region typically provides a presentation and that this year, the Region has asked surrounding municipalities to get involved in preparation of the upcoming event.

7. New Business

7.1 Signage in the Magna Centre

Beverley Cassidy-Moffat noted that there is no signage in the Magna Centre indicating how to help someone who is having a seizure. Staff will look at different resources from Epilepsy Ontario and Epilepsy Canada and post signage around the recreation complexes.

8. Adjournment

Moved by: Kelly Broome

Seconded by: Bev Moffatt

1. That the meeting be adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Carried

Steven Foglia, Chair

Date