



Town of Newmarket

Minutes

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date: Thursday, November 21, 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
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

Guests: Jennifer Baker, Fire and Life Safety Coordinator, Central York Fire Service Services
Natalie Kedzierski, Deputy Chief, York Region Paramedic 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 may view this meeting through the live stream available at newmarket.ca/meetings, or attend 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 Fire Safety and Accessibility

Jennifer Baker, Fire and Life Safety Educator, Central York Fire Services provided a presentation regarding Fire Safety and Accessibility including public education, locations of fire stations in Central York, accessibility, public education events, fire prevention, fire suppression, communications, accommodations request, translation services, fire drills, home visits and public education scheduling.

Committee Members queried the presenter regarding procedures for public spaces, community buildings, fire drills, and training for staff.

Moved by: Kathleen Kedzierski

Seconded by: Huma Tahir

1. That the presentation provided by Jennifer Baker, Fire and Life Safety Educator, Central York Fire Services regarding Fire Safety and Accessibility be received.

Carried

4.2 Emergency Medical Services and Accessibility

Natalie Kedzierski, Deputy Chief, York Region Paramedic Services provided a presentation regarding Emergency Medical Services and Accessibility including updating the current policy regarding transporting of assistive devices, best practices through an environmental scan of other Paramedic Services, ambulance storage options, conditions for transporting assistive devices, partnering with Mobility On-Request Services, implementing best practices, and continuing the draft policy update.

Committee Members queried the presenter regarding procedures for transporting service animals, Mobility On-Request services, hospital

procedures, support individuals, and a registry of those who live alone using assistive devices.

Moved by: Huma Tahir

Seconded by: Jeffrey Fabian

1. That the presentation provided by Natalie Kedzierski, Deputy Chief, York Region Paramedic Services regarding Emergency Medical Services and Accessibility be received.

Carried

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 19, 2024

Moved by: Bev Moffatt

Seconded by: Kathleen Kedzierski

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 19, 2024 be approved.

Carried

6. Items

6.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Accomplishments 2023-24

The Legislative Coordinator provided a verbal update regarding Accessibility Advisory Committee Accomplishments 2023-24 including background and various accomplishments during that time.

Moved by: Mitsy Jones-Bailey

Seconded by: Jeffrey Fabian

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Accomplishments 2023-24 be approved as amended.

6.2 Committee Checklist

The Committee reviewed the current checklist and did not make any changes or additions.

6.3 Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Training

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

7. New Business

7.1 Accessible Parking on Main Street

Steve Foglia discussed the request for an additional accessible parking spot on Main Street and asked for an update from Staff.

7.2 Van Accessible Signage

Steve Foglia discussed van accessible signage in other municipalities, the increased enforceable fine and forwarding to Staff for their consideration.

7.3 Upper Canada Mall Universal Washroom

Steve Foglia advised that he is working with the Communications Department and Upper Canada Mall to create an educational piece on the universal washroom and celebrate the 5th year anniversary of the opening of the washroom.

7.4 Postmark Hotel

Steve Foglia discussed visiting the Postmark Hotel to review accessible features.

7.5 Caledon Community Centre

Kathleen Kedzierski discussed her recent visit to the Caledon Community Centre including the doors to the facility and accessible features.

8. Adjournment

Moved by: Jeffrey Fabian

Seconded by: Huma Tahir

1. That the meeting be adjourned at 11:46 AM.

Carried

Steven Foglia, Chair

Date