

Newmarket Accessibility Advisory Committee

Presentation to Council
Monday, June 25, 2018

Mandate

- **Encourage and facilitate accessibility for all persons with disabilities in the Town of Newmarket**
- The Committee will be responsible for the following:
 - Providing advice, recommendations and assistance to Council to develop and facilitate strategies for the identification and elimination of barriers for citizens with disabilities.
 - Promoting accessibility related public outreach, education and awareness initiatives.

Workplan Areas

- Public Awareness Campaign
 - Annual Accessibility Award
 - National Access Awareness Week
- York Region Area Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting
- Multi-Year Accessibility Plan
- Accessibility Audits of Town Facilities
- Consultation with Staff on Town projects
- Site Plan Review Process

Facility Audits 2014-2018 Term

Town Facility Audits

- Magna Centre
- Ray Twinney
- Community Centre and Lions Hall
- Newmarket Theatre
- Old Town Hall

Comments and Recommendations

- Provided feedback on park improvements including park equipment, materials, design etc.
- Provided feedback regarding the Magna Centre parking lot design changes
- Provided feedback on upcoming capital projects
- Provide input and support of York Region Diversity and Inclusivity Charter
- Suggested signage to improve communication of accessibility in Parks (e.g. College Manor Park)
- Website redesign to make the website more accessible

Comments and Recommendations

- Council Chambers AV Project Consultation
 - Consulted with staff on proposed improvements
 - Attended vendor demos to evaluate the products
- Accessible Washroom - Upper Canada Mall and Ray Twinney
 - Met with management from the mall to initiate the construction of a fully accessible washroom at Upper Canada Mall (Hoyer lit and an adjustable adult change table). Renovations will be completed in 2019)
 - Inspected washrooms at mall for accessibility and provided feedback for future renovations or upgrades

Consultation, Comments and Recommendations

- Downtown Main Street Patio Project
 - Provided comments prior to the start of the pilot project and provided feedback and recommendations for the project going forward
- Municipal Election
 - Support internet voting for the 2018 election
 - Audit of voter assistance centres (once selected) for accessibility
 - Endorse the Accessibility Plan for the Municipal Election

Completed Projects

- **National Access Awareness Week**
 - Planning and participating in yearly celebration of National Access Awareness Week
- **Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Updates**
 - Provided comments and endorse the annual Accessibility Plan Updates
- **Improvements to Accessibility Advisory Committee's role in the Site Plan Review Process**

Ongoing initiatives (current to next term)

- Making Downtown Newmarket more accessible
- Accessible Taxis

Accessibility Advisory Committee

- Steve Foglia, Chair
- Linda Jones, Vice Chair
- Councillor Christina Bisanz
 - Jeremy Slessor
 - Kelsy McIntosh
 - Richard Wilson
 - Aaron Firth
- David Hingsburger