



Minutes of the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee

November 3, 2020, 3:30 p.m.

Chair and Secretary Participating Remotely

Members Present: Councillor Post

D. Anderson
L. Barnett
S. Bhamu
P. Charbonneau
M. Gravelle
J. Jackson
K. Anderson
T. Lewis, arrived at 3:52 p.m.
A. O'Hara-Stephenson

Members Absent: P. Bond
L. Rankin

Staff Present: S. Doherty, Manager, Rec/Events
B. Ewald, Chief Building Official
B. Ward, Manager, Planning
T. Macdonald, Committee Secretary

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolution: 2020-015

Moved by L. Barnett

That the minutes of the following meeting is approved:

2020-10-06 Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee

Carried

4. Presentations

4.1 Luke Anderson, StopGap Ramps

Luke Anderson, StopGap Ramps provided the committee with a history of the company and an overview of how the StopGap ramp functions.

Alison Scheel, BIA questioned if there is a ramp that is suitable for locations with more than one step.

Mr. Anderson advised that the StopGap ramps go against most of the encroachment by-laws of municipalities as the ramps sit on the public right of way so the municipality assumes a portion of the liability. They are custom made wood ramps, painted with an exterior non slip paint and tend to last three years. There is a ramps on request program with a cost of \$200.00-\$450.00, per ramp, dependent on size of the ramp. Mr. Anderson indicated that if the ramp gets wet from rain or snow it gets very slippery and must be kept clear and dry but it is acceptable to salt and sand the ramps.

5. Items for Discussion and Reports

5.1 Councillor Post, Electronic Meetings and 2021 Meeting Dates

The committee discussed 2021 meeting dates and times and confirmed that meetings for 2021 will be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m.

Resolution: 2020-016

Moved by J. Jackson

That the three consecutive missed meeting attendance stipulation contained within Committee Policy G-006 be waived for committee members for whom the Town is not able to facilitate electronic attendance;

And that the waiver of this stipulation shall be in effect until such time as the committee terminates same.

Carried

5.2 Tip of the Month

Larry Rankin provided the committee with two tips to consider:

Osteoporosis is a disabling disease known as the "silent thief" because bone loss can occur without you even knowing it or feeling any symptoms. For more information please contact <https://osteoporosis.ca/>.

Please help our Emergency Services better serve people with disabilities. Register by downloading the form from the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee page on the Town's website. Go to www.orangeville.ca and follow the links.

Resolution: 2020-017

Moved by L. Barnett

That the tip of the month for November 2020 will be Osteoporosis is a disabling disease known as the "silent thief" because bone loss can occur without you even knowing it or feeling any symptoms. For more information please contact <https://osteoporosis.ca/>; and

That the tip of the month for December 2020 will be Please help our Emergency Services better serve people with disabilities. Register by downloading the form from <https://www.orangeville.ca/en/living-here/emergency-response-registry.aspx>.

5.3 Councillor Post, Accessibility Business Listings

No update.

5.4 Brandon Ward, Manager, Planning, Circulation to the Committee

Brandon Ward, Manager, Planning outlined the role of the committee relating to review of planning applications such as new development of commercial property or a condominium complex where there are common elements exclusive to that development as they relate to potential accessibility concerns. The role of the committee would be to review and offer comments and that committee could determine the best way in which to facilitate this review and comment. Mr. Ward indicated that the typical review timeframe in which to have comments back to planning is generally 2 - 5 weeks.

5.5 Councillor Post, Single Passenger Electric Mobility Cars

Councillor Post indicated that this matter is on the By-law review list for review in 2021 and that she will update the committee on this matter at a future meeting.

5.6 Sharon Doherty, Manager Recreation and Events, Committee Annual Report, Work Plan and Budget

Sharon Doherty, Manager Recreation and Events provided an overview of the committee budget and work plan for 2020 as well as projects the committee would like to continue or commence in 2021 which include implementing a more user friendly ramp program, abilities fair, tip of the month, Town of Orangeville accessibility plan as well as printing of rack cards. The committee questioned if the budget would grow as the County has joined and Steve Murphy from the County of Dufferin indicated that the County budget is approximately \$4000-5000 and that lower tier municipalities fund their own projects with advice from the County. The committee discussed a budget carry over request for the ramp program.

Resolution: 2020-018

Moved by P. Charbonneau

That the Annual Report and Work Plan be approved; and

That the committee carry over \$10,000 from the 2020 committee budget for the accessibility ramp program.

Carried

6. Correspondence

None.

7. New Business

Simran Bhamu advised the committee about a data collection system we could utilize for collecting data from downtown businesses to update a business accessibility listing.

James Jackson complimented Dufferin County on the implementation of door side garbage pick up.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is December 1, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.