



Minutes of Access Orangeville

November 14, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Electronic and In-Person Participation - Access Orangeville

The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville

(Chair and Secretary at Town Hall - 87 Broadway)

Orangeville, Ontario

Members Present: Councillor R. Stevens, Chair
J. Jackson, Vice-Chair
P. Charbonneau
S. Clarke
M. Hartley
K. Murphy-Fritz
R. Ugolini

Members Absent: K. Van Ryn

Staff Present: G. Brennan, Legislative Assistant, Corporate Services
S. Doherty, Manager, Recreation and Events, Community Services
T. Dulisse, Manager, Transportation and Development, Infrastructure Services
J. Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy Clerk, Corporate Services
J. Rawn, Executive Assistant, Infrastructure Services

1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Land Acknowledgement

Councillor R. Stevens, Chair, acknowledged the treaty lands and territory of the Williams Treaty Nations and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. He also recognized that Dufferin County is the traditional territory of the Wendat and the Haudenosaunee and is home to many Indigenous people today.

4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

2024-026

Moved By J. Jackson

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved:

4.1 2024-10-10 - Access Orangeville - Minutes

Carried

5. Presentations

None.

6. Items for Discussion and Reports

6.1 Proposed 2025 Work Plan

The Committee engaged in a discussion surrounding their proposed 2025 work plan. The Committee discussed the scope of various projects, reviewed and established budget requirements, and outlined key timelines and dates.

Sharon Doherty, Manager, Recreation & Events, Community Services, provided clarity surrounding the difference between the proposed 2025 Access Orangeville Committee work plan, and the 2023-2026 multi-year Accessibility Plan that the Town of Orangeville is required to submit under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA).

2024-027

Moved By J. Jackson

That the proposed 2025 Access Orangeville Committee workplan, be approved.

Carried

6.2 Annual Accessibility Champion Award Criteria

Sharon Doherty, Manager, Recreation & Events, Community Services, led a discussion on the criteria for the Annual Accessibility Champion Award. Ms. Doherty provided a historical overview of the award, highlighting its inception, evolution, and the date it's awarded.

The Committee discussed the criteria for eligibility and potential restrictions that could be in place for nominees and recipients, including, only allowing Town of Orangeville residents to be nominated, making Committee members and Town staff ineligible to receive the award, and only allowing recipients to receive the award once per Council term. Members of the Committee discussed making the criteria for the award sector specific and have various categories of winners such as an organizational category, small business category, an individual's category, and or a volunteer category.

Tony Dulisse, Manager, Transportation and Development, Infrastructure Services, expressed support in modifying the eligibility criteria while ensuring that the program is still intended to promote accessibility and inclusivity to the community.

The Committee discussed the monetary value associated with the award and possible alternative expenditures. The Committee discussed the idea of donating the award amount on behalf of a recipient to a local organization, donating the award amount on behalf of a recipient to fund an accessible activity such as a public skate or swim, or creating a commemorative bench with recipients names added to a plaque each year. The Committee also noted how certain individuals and families could use the award winnings to help support their ongoing needs and services.

6.3 Role of the Committee and Code of Conduct

R. Ugolini, Committee member, discussed the responsibilities of an Accessibility Committee, the Town of Orangeville's Code of Conduct, the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), 2005, and Integrated Accessibility Standards.

The Committee discussed the large scale events that occur within the Town of Orangeville, the different requirements for vendors compared to town initiated events, and the various advancements that have occurred to accommodate and improve accessibility during events.

The Committee discussed integrated accessibility standards and the current process for reviewing site plans. The Committee highlighted the desire to review additional site plans, ensuring that accessibility needs are being met. Additionally, the Committee noted the need for Town staff to effectively address public complaints surrounding accessibility.

Sharon Doherty, Manager, Recreation and Events, Community Services, and Tony Dulisse, Manager, Transportation and Development, Infrastructure Services, discussed the consultation process for reviewing site plans, the procedures for site plan approval, Integrated Accessibility Measures, and the jurisdiction of the municipality on public versus private property.

Jordyn Lavecchia-Smith, Deputy-Clerk, Corporate Services, shared insight on the interdepartmental collaboration that occurs to effectively address accessibility complaints, citing new parking spots at the Orangeville Court House as an successful example. Ms. Lavecchia-Smith emphasized the Town's ongoing commitment to improving accessibility and noted that the Town is committed to improving these standards to better serve the community.

6.4 2025 Access Orangeville Proposed Meeting Schedule

The Committee discussed their proposed 2025 meeting schedule and highlighted the need for an additional meeting to take place in January, 2025.

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Moved By J. Jackson

That the proposed 2025 meeting schedule be approved, and

That a meeting be scheduled on January 16, 2025.

Carried

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Announcements

M. Hartley provided an update on the Orangeville Northmen Lacrosse-ing Barriers initiative and future plans for the program.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2024.

10. Adjournment

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Moved By M. Hartley

That the meeting be adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Carried