



Minutes of the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee

May 4, 2021, 3:30 p.m.

Chair and Secretary Participating Remotely
The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville

Members Present: Councillor Post
D. Anderson
L. Barnett
P. Charbonneau
M. Gravelle
J. Jackson
K. Anderson
T. Lewis
A. O'Hara-Stephenson
Kimberly Rose
Kimberly VanRyn

Members Absent: P. Bond
L. Rankin

Staff Present: S. Doherty, Manager, Rec/Events
T. Macdonald
S. Murphy
D. Jones, General Manager, Infrastructure Services

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m.

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Recommendation: 2021-009

Moved by L. Barnett

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved:

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Carried

4. Presentations

**4.1 Doug Jones, General Manager Infrastructure Services,
Neighbourhood Awareness Signs**

Doug Jones, General Manager, Infrastructure Services provided an overview of special needs signs in neighbourhoods. Mr. Jones outlined the pros and cons of this initiative. The committee discussed the matter and will have further discussions at the next meeting.

5. Items for Discussion and Reports

5.1 Employment Standards Development Committee Final Recommendations Report

Sharon Doherty advised that correspondence was received from the Ministry relating to smaller municipalities and their accessibility policies and that we are meeting our legislative requirements. Sharon indicated that the accessibility plan will need to be reviewed and updated.

5.2 Seniors Parking Spots, Distance from Entrance, Mike Gravelle

Mike Gravelle indicated that the Alder Recreation Centre seniors parking spots are a significant distance from the entrance. Sharon Doherty indicated that there is intention to have the Alder Recreation Centre parking lot re-designed.

5.3 Audio Traffic Signal Operation, Mike Gravelle

Mike Gravelle outlined issues that he has experienced with the audio signals at Broadway and First where the audio did not sound as well as timing concerns with other areas. Doug Jones, General Manager, Infrastructure Services indicated that he will have staff attend at the location to determine functionality. Mr. Jones also indicated that he will research what other municipalities are doing to address the education issue. The committee discussed implementing some form of education program relating to training on the proper use of the audio traffic signals.

5.4 Braille Machine Update

Tracy Macdonald, Committee Secretary provided an update to the committee received from CNIB that the committee will need to source and purchase software for the machine if it is to be kept for use. The other option provided by CNIB is to have the CNIB transcribe any requests that we may have for braille documents. An update regarding the turn around time for such requests will be provided at the next meeting.

5.5 Tip of the Month

The May tip of the month is May is MS Awareness Month and Canada leads the way in MS Warriors.

5.6 Convenience Fee, Town Payments

Sharon Doherty indicated that the Town is offering increased online payments and there is a third party service fee associated with that because we have to pay that fee. Residents are still able to mail in payments or utilize the drop box if they are wanting to avoid that convenience fee.

6. Correspondence

None.

7. New Business

Sharon Doherty indicated that awards have previously been given to community businesses during access awareness week. Steve Murphy indicated that such a

program should be done County wide. The committee will discuss this again at the next meeting.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2021.

9. Adjournment