



Minutes of the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee

April 6, 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
K. VanRyn
J. Jackson
T. Lewis
A. O'Hara-Stephenson
K. Rose

Members Absent: K. Anderson
P. Bond
L. Rankin
M. Gravelle

Staff Present: S. Doherty, Manager, Rec/Events
S. Murphy, County of Dufferin
T. Macdonald

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m.

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Recommendation:

Moved by L. Barnett

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved:

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Carried.

4. Presentations

None.

5. Items for Discussion and Reports

5.1 Vaccine Accessibility Issues, Diva Anderson

Diva Anderson outlined some accessibility issues that she has heard of relating to vaccine appointments. Steve Murphy indicated that anyone who is having issues booking a vaccine appointment or who needs transportation to the appointment may contact Dufferin County Community Support Services.

5.2 Circulation, 150 First Street, SP 8/20

Larysa Russell, Senior Planner answered questions from the committee relating to the circulation. The committee has no comments to provide on this matter.

5.3 Braille Machine

The CNIB has advised that software is required for the machine and that once that is obtained the possibility of training can be discussed.

5.4 Business Accessibility Listing, Data Collection System

To be discussed at the next meeting.

5.5 Tip of the Month

Larry Rankin provided two tips for the committee to consider:

APRIL 2021: April is Parkinson’s Awareness Month. Parkinson is an incurable neurological disease that affects more than 100,000 Canadians. For more information visit www.parkinson.ca

APRIL 2021: The arrival of spring means that our community will become more active. Please keep sidewalks clear because they ensure that everyone can get around safely in the community.

The committee determined that the April tip of the month is:

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The tip of the month for May will be May is MS awareness month and Canada leads the way in MS Warriors.

5.6 Convenience Fee, Town payments, Larry Barnett

Larry Barnett questioned the use of convenience fees by the Town and staff will investigate and report back to the committee.

6. Correspondence

None.

7. New Business

Councillor Post outlined a request that she received relating to a Deaf Child Neighbourhood Awareness Sign. Doug Jones, General Manager, Infrastructure Services will be invited to the next meeting for further discussions.

The committee discussed a situation where a member of the community was refused access to an establishment for not wearing a mask. Branching out Support Services is happy to assist with calling ahead to establishments.

Steve Murphy questioned where an organization might find training on accessibility standards regarding posting accessible information on a website. It was suggested that he contact the Town's Health and Safety Officer.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2021.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.