

Minutes of the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee

June 1, 2021, 3:30 p.m. Chair and Secretary Participating Remotely The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville

Members Present: Councillor Post

P. Charbonneau M. Gravelle J. Jackson

K. Anderson (left the meeting at 4:00 p.m.)

T. Lewis

A. O'Hara-Stephenson

Kimberly Rose Kimberly VanRyn

Members Absent: D. Anderson

L. Barnett P. Bond L. Rankin

Staff Present: S. Doherty, Manager, Rec/Events

T. Macdonald

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m.

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Recommendation: 2021-010

Moved by J. Jackson

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved:

May 4, 2021 Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes.

Carried

4. Presentations

4.1 Jon Hack, Director, Lindsay Cudmore, Consultant, Sierra Planning and Management - Community Improvement Plan

Lindsay Cudmore, Consultant, Sierra Planning and Management and Andrea Sinclair, MHBC Planning presented an overview of the process for completing the Orangeville Community Improvement Plan. A Community Improvement Plan helps to promote property development and investment that has clear public goals. The committee identified accessible parking, traffic signals, crosswalks, sidewalks, accessibility improvement grant for downtown businesses and curbside pick-up as areas of interest.

4.2 Joanna Marques, Conservation Lands Planner, Credit Valley Conservation and Laura Rundle, Conservation Lands Planner, Credit Valley Conservation - Island Lake Trail Plan

Joanna Marques, Laura Rundle, Bill Lidster and Eric Baldwin presented the Island Lake Trail Plan to the committee and ideas for the plan include possible replacement of some buildings, opening up water access areas through restructuring of parking, improving parking, better wayfinding and improvements to the trail system.

5. Items for Discussion and Reports

5.1 Kat Anderson, Communication Boards

Kat Anderson outlined a Communication Board program that Grey-Bruce implemented. Kat will obtain additional information with respect to cost and logistics and report back to the committee in September.

5.2 Public Information Centre -Broadway Bricks

A public information centre regarding the bricks on Broadway is being held on June 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. and members of the public are welcome to attend the virtual meeting.

5.3 Neighbourhood Awareness Signs, Councillor Post

Councillor Post provided an update on the Deaf Child Sign and advised that the individual that requested the sign has moved and the committee determined that they would still like to move forward with the project and Doug Jones, General Manager will be invited to the September meeting.

5.4 Braille Machine Update

The CNIB is investigating to determine if there is an organization that is interested in the braille machine.

5.5 Accessibility Awards

Sharon Doherty, Manager, Recreation and Events provided a background on the way that the accessibility awards have been handled in the past. It was suggested that the committee work with the County on developing a criteria for issuing the award and begin implementation of the process at the next meeting with a goal to giving out the award in 2022. It was suggested that two awards be given, one for a business and one for an individual.

5.6 Education for Audio Pedestrian Signals

Doug Jones, General Manager, Infrastructure Services will be invited to the September meeting to provide further information regarding education for audio pedestrian signals.

5.7 Tip of the Month

Larry Rankin provided two tips to the committee which are:

Business Owners: Please ensure that your outdoor activities or displays do not impede a wheelchair's ability to pass.

Residents...Please don't store recreational vehicles that block the sidewalk.

June is brain injury awareness month. There are more cases of brain injuries each year in Canada than breast cancer, HIV/AIDS, spinal cord injury & multiple sclerosis combined.

Recommendation: 2021-011 Moved by P. Charbonneau

That the tip of the month for June is:

June is brain injury awareness month. There are more cases of brain injuries each year in Canada than breast cancer, HIV/AIDS, spinal cord injury & multiple sclerosis combined;

And that the tip of the month for July is:

Business Owners ... Please ensure that your outdoor activities or displays do not impede a wheelchair's ability to pass.

Residents...Please don't store recreational vehicles that block the sidewalk.

Carried

6. Correspondence

7. New Business

Kimberly Rose advised the committee about a program that she has viewed and will provide the link for circulation.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting is set for September 7, 2021.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.