



Electronic Participation
The Corporation of the Town of Orangeville
Chair and Secretary participated remotely

Minutes of a meeting of the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee Held on September 1, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

Please note all members participated electronically

Members Present

Councillor Lisa Post
Diva Anderson (arrived 10:55 a.m.)
Larry Barnett
Simran Bhamu
Peggy Bond (regrets)
Paul Charbonneau
Mike Gravelle (absent)
James Jackson (absent)
Larry Rankin (regrets)
Trevor Lewis
Alethia O'Hara-Stephenson
Kat Anderson

Staff Present

S. Doherty, Manager, Rec/Events
T. Macdonald, Assistant Clerk

1 Notice

None.

2 Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:44 a.m.

3 Introduction of New Members

The Chair welcomed new members Trevor Lewis, Alethia O'Hara-Stephenson and Kat Anderson to the committee and all committee members made introductory remarks.

4 Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None.

5 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Council Meeting

Recommendation 2020-011

Moved by Larry Barnett

That the minutes of the following meeting is hereby approved:

March 3, 2020

Carried.

6 Presentations

None

7 Reports and Items for Discussion

7.1 Abilities Fair

This matter is to be added to a spring meeting of the committee.

7.2 Accessibility Pamphlet

Sharon Doherty advised that a new pamphlet is required and that Communications will craft a post card style document, a draft of which will be provided at the November meeting with a recommendation that printing remain on hold until 2021.

7.3 Accessibility Plan

Sharon Doherty indicated that the Accessibility Report was submitted and there has not yet been any feedback received. Accessibility Plan needs to be updated and the expired plan will be shared with the committee.

Sharon Doherty also discussed the content of the Accessibility Page on the new Town of Orangeville website which will be live on September 10, 2020. The contents of the new web page will be shared with the committee.

7.4 Tip of the Month

Larry Rankin provided two tips prior to the meeting for the committee members to consider:

Isolation that is caused by the pandemic can adversely affect one's mental state. Please visit cmhapeeldufferin.ca if you are struggling with mental health issues.

A disability often can be marginalized if you can recognize a disabled person for what they can accomplish instead of fixating on their limitations.

Recommendation 2020-012

Moved by Larry Barnett

That the tip of the month for September will be isolation that is caused by the pandemic can adversely affect one's mental state. Please visit cmhapeeldufferin.ca if you are struggling with mental health issues;

And that the tip of the month for October will be disability often can be marginalized if you can recognize a disabled person for what they can accomplish instead of fixating on their limitations.

Carried.

7.5 Work Plan Update

None.

7.6 Committee Meeting Schedule

The committee meeting schedule was discussed and the next meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

The following committee members would like to participate via video at future meetings that are electronic: Simran Bhamu, Kat Anderson, Alethia O'Hara-Stephenson, Trevor Lewis, Paul Charbonneau, James Jackson, Councillor Post. Larry Barnett and Diva Anderson would like to participate via telephone.

The committee discussed how to better facilitate participation for all members.

8 Correspondence

Nolan Bentley provided correspondence to the committee regarding accessibility ramps. Simran Bhamu provided an overview of the committee's previous discussion on this matter.

Recommendation 2020-013

Moved by Larry Barnett

That Sharon Doherty obtain a legal opinion on liability surrounding accessibility ramps and by-law.

Carried.

Recommendation 2020-014

Moved by Paul Charbonneau

That the correspondence from Nolan Bentley be received.

Carried.

9 New Business

Larry Barnett commented on the new construction at Metro and Shoppers Drug Mart. Mr. Barnett expressed concern that the existing accessible parking at Shoppers Drug Mart is a greater distance from the new door and would like Town staff to investigate. Tracy Macdonald will ask that Brandon Ward, Manager, Planning investigate the matter and report back.

Alethia O'Hara-Stephenson advised that she has been contacted by an individual with parking spaces in Shelburne not being wide enough to allow for wheelchair parking and will obtain more information relating to specific locations.

Alethia O'Hara-Stephenson also inquired about the availability of sign language and Sharon Doherty outlined some difficulties she has encountered with obtaining interpreters but that if this service is required efforts would be made to ensure it was available.

Simran Bhamu advised that very few business listings indicate that the business is accessible even though they may be. Councillor Post will follow up with Economic Development relating to this matter.

10 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on October 6, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

11 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.