



Adoption of Minutes

October 6, 2020, 3:30 p.m.

Chair and Secretary Participating Remotely

Members Present: D. Anderson
K. Anderson
L. Barnett
S. Bhamu
P. Bond
P. Charbonneau
M. Gravelle
J. Jackson
T. Lewis
A. O'Hara-Stephenson
Councillor Post
L. Rankin

Staff Present: S. Doherty, Manager, Rec/Events
T. Macdonald, Committee Secretary

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

Resolution 2020-015

Moved by L. Barnett

That the minutes of the following meeting are approved:

3.1 2020-09-01 Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Carried

4. Presentations

None.

5. Items for Discussion and Reports

5.1 Councillor Post, Meeting Protocol

Councillor Post reviewed general meeting protocol with the committee including using raise hand function if able to do so and the importance of speaking clearly.

The committee discussed the meeting dates and times and determined that meetings for November and December would be held at 3:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.

5.2 Meeting Date and Times

Discussed with item 5.1

5.3 Tip of the Month

The tip of the month was determined at the September meeting and is:

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

5.4 Sharon Doherty, Ramp Program Update

Sharon Doherty, Manager Rec/Events indicated that we continue to get the requests for ramps and the downtown core continues to be a concern in terms of the downtown businesses and that the committee could benefit from receiving a presentation from the StopGap program. Councillor Post indicated that she will follow up with StopGap to request a presentation from them at a future meeting and that it would be beneficial for Bruce Ewald, Chief Building Official and the BIA Chair to attend.

5.5 Councillor Post, Accessibility Business Listings

Councillor Post advised the committee that she has been working with Town Staff to determine the best way to proceed with this issue and that Data Orangeville and the Town website are being considered as possible solutions and will update again at the next committee meeting.

The committee discussed a possible co-ordination with Google Maps with the Small Business Enterprise Centre reminding businesses to update the Google Business Listing to include the accessibility features of their business.

5.6 New Construction, Accessible Parking

The committee discussed the suggestion of Brandon Ward, Manager of Planning relating to formation of a sub-committee or a review process to allow the committee to provide accessibility input into planning matters. The committee will invite Mr. Ward to attend the next meeting to discuss with the committee the available options.

6. Correspondence

None.

7. New Business

The committee discussed the sizing of wheelchair accessible parking spaces as opposed to ambulatory care spaces and this matter is to be addressed at the next meeting.

Alethia O-Hara Stephenson indicated that the Shelburne Library does not have suitable wheelchair access.

The committee discussed single passenger electric mobility cars that operate on sidewalks and on bike paths as it relates to permitting them on sidewalks and the committee would like to determine if there is an existing by-law for this matter.

The committee also discussed the Access Now app that allows you to search for accessibility features that you might require and provides list of locations that offer than.

Councillor Post advised the committee that Island Lake Conservation Area is working on a Strategic Plan to incorporate more accessibility and would like member of the committee to be part of stakeholder sessions starting at the end of November. Paul Charbonneau and Diva Anderson expressed interest and Councillor Post obtained their permission to provide their email addresses to the contact from Island Lake.

The committee discussed how we facilitation matters that are not directly related to the Town of Orangeville as we are now a Joint Committtee with Dufferin County and Councillor Post will be corresponding with the County on this matter.

The budget will be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Date of Next Meeting

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

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.