Accessiblility Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 6, 2019
4 p.m.

Holland Room
Aurora Town Hall
Town of Aurora
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Time and Location: 4 p.m., Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

1. Appointment of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair

2. Approval of the Agenda

   Recommended:

   That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

4. Receipt of the Minutes

5. Delegations

   (a) Michael de Rond, Town Clerk
       Re: Advisory Committee Orientation

   (b) Matt Zawada, Accessibility Advisor
       Re: Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) and Site Plan Training
6. Matters for Consideration

1. Memorandum from Director, Community Services
   Re: Library Square Design

   Recommended:
   
   1. That the memorandum regarding Library Square Design be received; and
   2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee provide comment regarding the Library Square Site Plan.

7. Informational Items

2. Memorandum from Accessibility Advisor
   Re: Sidewalk on Kitimat Crescent

   Recommended:
   
   1. That the memorandum regarding Sidewalk on Kitimat Crescent be received for information.

3. Memorandum from Accessibility Advisor
   Re: Municipal Diversity and Inclusion Charter

   Recommended:
   
   1. That the memorandum regarding Municipal Diversity and Inclusion Charter be received for information.

4. Memorandum from Accessibility Advisor
   Re: Wildlife Parks Trail

   Recommended:
   
   1. That the memorandum regarding Wildlife Parks Trail be received for information.
8. Adjournment
Memorandum

Date: March 6, 2019
To: Accessibility Advisory Committee
From: Robin McDougall, Director of Community Services
Re: Library Square Design

Recommendation

1. That the memorandum regarding Library Square Design be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee provide comment regarding the Library Square Site Plan.

Background

In May 2018, staff presented the concept design to the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) to obtain comments on the design. AAC comments included:

- Request to increase number of accessible parking spaces
- Request for accessible parking to be in closer proximity to the entrances to the Library, Cultural Centre, New Community Facility and Victoria Hall
- Request for the location of the book drop-off to be reconsidered
- Request that the new design should maintain the current level of accessibility experienced by patrons

The concept design was presented to Council in June 2018. At that time, Council approved the Library Square design, the expansion to Church Street School (3-floors), proceed to tender for the parking lot and that three (3) additional accessible parking spaces be installed on the eastern side of the property. The consultants considered the comments from the AAC as well as the direction from Council and revised the design.

The next stage of design (schematic) is complete and was shared with Council during the consultant’s presentation at the General Committee meeting on February 12, 2019.
This presentation focused on the design revisions that have taken place since June 2018. As part of the review process, the schematic design is back before the AAC to obtain further inputs.

Council will be considering the next steps of the Library Square project at a Special Council Meeting on Thursday March 21, 2019.

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Library Square – Site Plan
Memorandum

Date: March 6, 2019
To: Accessibility Advisory Committee
From: Matt Zawada, Accessibility Advisor
Re: Sidewalk on Kitimat Crescent

Recommendation

1. That the memorandum regarding Sidewalk on Kitimat Crescent be received for information.

Background

The Town has implemented the “Active and Safe Routes to School Program”, and the School Travel Planning Policy (#69) which would set out a mechanism that would allow for student pedestrian priority. This policy was intended to provide tools for students and school boards to request safety related traffic controls that could not be accommodated in other Town traffic management policies. A key feature of this program and policy was to focus on the walkability of school routes for students to encourage more walking, have universal accessibility, and build a stronger sense of safety within the community related to school travel.

Kitimat Crescent has been identified for sidewalk construction and, as instructed by Council, staff have included $100,000 in the budget for the construction of a sidewalk on one side of the street. The design has been delivered in-house in 2018 by the Engineering staff and, if approved by Council, construction will take place in the summer of 2019. The project is scheduled for Council in March and staff would therefore like to provide the Accessibility Advisory Committee an opportunity at this time to see the plan and provide any comments which they feel are necessary.

Attachments
Sidewalk on Kitimat Crescent
March 6, 2019

Attachment 1 – Sidewalk Construction on Kitimat Crescent no Air Photo

Attachment 2 – Sidewalk Construction on Kitimat Crescent with Air Photo
Access to the proposed sidewalk at Kitimat Crescent will improve accessibility for pedestrians in the area. The map shows the location of the proposed sidewalk relative to existing streets and landmarks.

**Legend**
- **Kitimat Proposed Sidewalk**
- **Existing Sidewalk**
- **Parcel Fabric**

**KEY PLAN**

**LOCATION OF PROPOSED SIDEWALK**

**KITIMAT CRESCENT**

Map created by the Town of Aurora Planning and Development Services Department, Engineering and Capital Delivery Division, January 16th, 2019. Base data provided by York Region and Aurora - GIS.
Attachment #2

LOCATION OF PROPOSED SIDEWALK
KITIMAT CRESCENT

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Map created by the Town of Aurora Planning and Development Services Department, Engineering and Capital Delivery Division, January 16th, 2019. Base data provided by York Region and Aurora - GIS.
Memorandum

Date: March 6, 2019

To: Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Matt Zawada, Accessibility Advisor

Re: Municipal Diversity and Inclusion Charter

Recommendation

1. That the memorandum regarding Municipal Diversity and Inclusion Charter be received for information.

Background

The Inclusion Charter for York Region is a community initiative that brings together businesses, community organizations, municipalities, police services, hospitals, school boards, conservation authorities and agencies with a common commitment to create an inclusive environment with equality for all who work, live and play here.

The Charter was endorsed and signed on October 2, 2018, reflecting the Town’s approach in support of existing and provincial legislation that promotes human rights and accessibility. Together the organizations share the vision of York Region as a welcoming and inclusive community where diversity is celebrated and where everyone can develop to their full potential, participate freely in society and live with respect, dignity and freedom from discrimination.

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Attachment #1 – Inclusion Charter
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The Charter reflects an evolving approach in support of existing federal and provincial legislation that promotes human rights and accessibility. By endorsing this Charter we affirm our commitment to inclusion, whereby all people feel they belong and have access to the same opportunities.

THE TOWN OF AURORA

Together with other participating organizations, The Town of Aurora is committed to taking action to achieve the Charter’s vision in our organization and community we serve. The Charter supports The Town of Aurora’s vision to promote diverse neighbourhoods to create a vibrant community. The Town celebrates its growing and diverse population as a source of strength, vitality and economic opportunity and is committed to creating an inclusive organization that attracts and retains passionate employees, promotes innovation and provides an excellent customer experience.

Endorsed by: Geoffrey Dawe Mayor of Aurora

Doug Nadorozhy Chief Administrative Officer

This 2nd day of October, 2018.
Memorandum

Date: March 6, 2019
To: Accessibility Advisory Committee
From: Matt Zawada, Accessibility Advisor
Re: Wildlife Parks Trail

Recommendation

1. That the memorandum regarding Wildlife Parks Trail be received for information.

Background

The Aurora Wildlife Park is located in the natural open space corridor north of Wellington Street East between Bayview Avenue and Leslie Street, within the area known as the East Aurora Wetland Complex. The area has been designated as a Provincially Significant Wetland by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests. The wildlife park is based on a proposal developed by renowned local resident, Landscape Architect and Environmentalist, David Tomlinson.

As part of the detailed design of the Wildlife Park it was necessary to conduct much consultation with our major stake holder partners such as Ducks Unlimited Canada, the owners of a large land holding within the Wildlife Park, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, which is the overall approvals agency, as well as the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests. The project is scheduled for construction in summer of 2019 and staff would therefore like to provide the Accessibility Advisory Committee an opportunity at this time to see the plan and provide any comments which they feel are necessary.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Wildlife Park Trail Plan