



TOWN OF AURORA ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Time and Location: 7 p.m., Leksand Room, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Tyler Barker (Chair), John Lenchak (Vice Chair), Gordon Barnes, James Hoyes, and Councillor Sandra Humfryes

Member(s) Absent: None

Other Attendees: Councillor John Abel, Councillor Tom Mrakas, Chris Catania, Accessibility Advisor, and Samantha Kong, Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by John Lenchak
Seconded by James Hoyes

THAT the agenda as circulated by Legal and Legislative Services, ***with the following addition***, be approved:

- Item 2 – Correspondence from Regional Clerk, York Region
Re: York Region's Review and Update of 2015-2021 Multi-Year
Accessibility Plan

CARRIED AS AMENDED

3. RECEIPT OF THE MINUTES

Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2015

**Moved by Councillor Humfryes
Seconded by Gordon Barnes**

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of November 4, 2015, be received for information.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

None

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

**1. Memorandum from Accessibility Advisor
Re: 2016-2022 Accessibility Plan**

Staff provided an overview of the 2016-2022 Accessibility Plan which included capital initiatives and past accomplishments. The Committee suggested that a feedback form be created in the New Year to receive comments or suggestions from residents regarding the Town's Accessibility Plan. They further suggested that the Town's Operations Centre, Aurora Armoury, Aurora Public Library, and parks and trails be included in future Accessibility Plans, and that a definition of "disability" be included in the plan to increase the awareness of invisible disabilities.

**Moved by Gordon Barnes
Seconded by John Lenchak**

THAT the memorandum regarding the Town of Aurora 2016-2022 Accessibility Plan be received; and

THAT the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

THAT the 2016-2022 Accessibility Plan be adopted.

CARRIED

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2. Correspondence from Regional Clerk, York Region Re: York Region's Review and Update of 2015-2021 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

Staff indicated that this multi-year accessibility plan complies with both the *Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (ODA), which requires municipalities with a population over 10,000 people to compile a yearly plan, and the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (AODA), which requires a multi-year plan.

Moved by John Lenchak
Seconded by Gordon Barnes

THAT the correspondence regarding York Region's Review and Update of 2015-2021 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan be received for information.

CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

The Committee inquired about the pending list and requested that it be included on the agenda moving forward to outline short term goals and track accomplishments.

The Committee noted that residents have attended Wheelchair Dancing at the Magna Centre offered by the Town of Newmarket, and inquired if a similar program can be offered at the Town. Staff indicated that gym space is available to offer a variety of programs.

The Committee discussed the next scheduled meeting and agreed that unless there are any items requiring consideration, the January 6, 2016 meeting should be cancelled.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Gordon Barnes
Seconded by Councillor Humfries

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOT BINDING ON THE TOWN UNLESS ADOPTED BY COUNCIL AT A LATER MEETING.