



Town of Aurora
Accessibility Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2016

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

Committee Members: Tyler Barker (Chair), John Lenchak (Vice Chair), and James Hoyes

Member(s) Absent: Gordon Barnes, Jo-anne Spitzer, and Councillor Sandra Humfryes

Other Attendees: Chris Catania, Accessibility Advisor, and Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:17 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 Legislative Services be approved.

Carried

3. Receipt of the Minutes

Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2016

Moved by James Hoyes

Seconded by John Lenchak

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of October 5, 2016, be received for information.

Carried

4. Delegations

None

5. Matters for Consideration

1. Memorandum from Planner

Re: Site Plan Application (Submission #2)

**Joe Cara, 15132 & 15136 Yonge Street, Part of Lots 4 & 5,
Registered Plan 9, File No. SP-2013-05**

Staff provided background and an overview of the proposed site plan, and the Committee discussed aspects of the application, including access to living units and accessible washrooms.

Moved by John Lenchak

Seconded by James Hoyes

1. That the memorandum regarding Site Plan Application (Submission #2), Joe Cara, 15132 & 15136 Yonge Street, Part of Lots 4 & 5, Registered Plan 9, File No. SP-2013-05 be received; and
2. That the following Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding the Site Plan Application (Submission #2) be considered by staff:
 - Request to encourage builder to consider providing accessible living units where possible, e.g., elevator access; and
 - Request to ensure that all public washrooms are accessible.

Carried

**2. 2017 Draft Repair & Replacement Capital Project Referred from Special General Committee – 2017 Capital Budget Meeting of October 15, 2016
Re: Capital Project 72259 – Victoria Hall – Accessibility Ramp Installation**

Staff provided background and the Committee discussed the proposed ramp access, accessible washroom, and other accessible features.

**Moved by James Hoyes
Seconded by John Lenchak**

1. That Capital Project 72259 – Victoria Hall – Accessibility Ramp Installation be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend to Council:
 - a. That Capital Project 72259 – Victoria Hall – Accessibility Ramp Installation be approved as an initial accessible feature; and
 - b. That an accessible entranceway with automatic door openers and an accessible universal washroom be approved; and
 - c. That additional accessible features to facilitate possible future uses of the building, including visual and audible building alert and alarm signals, be considered; and
 - d. That any future proposed renovation plans for Victoria Hall be submitted to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for review and comment.

Carried

**3. Memorandum from Accessibility Advisor
Re: Capital Accessibility Initiatives 2017-2023**

Staff provided a brief overview and update of items in the appendices to the 2017-2023 Accessibility Plan, and requested that Committee members consider and identify items that could be added to Appendix B as Recommended Accessibility Items, for further discussion at the meeting of December 1, 2016.

Moved by John Lenchak
Seconded by James Hoyes

1. That the memorandum regarding Capital Accessibility Initiatives 2017-2023 be received for information.

Carried

6. Informational Items

4. **Extract from Council Meeting of October 25, 2016**
Re: Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2016

Moved by James Hoyes
Seconded by John Lenchak

1. That the Extract from Council Meeting of October 25, 2016, regarding the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of October 5, 2016, be received for information.

Carried

7. New Business

James Hoyes noted that there is an approximate lift of one inch between the sidewalk and asphalt surfaces on Industrial Parkway South from Wellington Street East.

Staff noted that the top coat of asphalt at the Joint Operations Centre remains incomplete, which will pose a physical barrier for the next year.

Tyler Barker suggested that a visit to the Abilities Centre, a fully accessible, multi-use facility in Whitby, would be worthwhile for Committee members. He proposed to also invite representatives of Activate Aurora and local officials of provincial and federal government.

Tyler Barker suggested contacting the Toronto Blue Jays organization to request that a number of free Blue Jays game tickets be made available during the 2017 National Access Awareness Week.

Staff noted that member Gordon Barnes had suggested that there should be more collaboration between the Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Trails and Active Transportation Committee toward better access for non-motorized means of transportation and connectivity.

8. Adjournment

Moved by John Lenchak

Seconded by James Hoyes

That the meeting be adjourned at 6 p.m.

Carried

Committee recommendations are not binding on the Town unless adopted by Council at a later meeting.