



Town of Aurora
Accessibility Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date:	Wednesday, January 10, 2018
Time and Location:	4 p.m., Leksand Room, Aurora Town Hall
Committee Members:	Tyler Barker (Chair), John Lenchak (Vice Chair), Gordon Barnes, James Hoyes, Jo-anne Spitzer, and Councillor John Abel
Member(s) Absent:	None
Other Attendees:	Ivy Henriksen, Acting Accessibility Advisor, and Nicole Trudeau, Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Gordon Barnes

Seconded by John Lenchak

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Carried

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

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

3. Receipt of the Minutes

Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2017

Moved by Jo-anne Spitzer

Seconded by Gordon Barnes

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of December 6, 2017, be received for information.

Carried

4. Delegations

None

5. Matters for Consideration

1. Memorandum from Accessibility Advisor Re: Town of Aurora 2018-2024 Accessibility Plan

The Committee discussed various aspects of the Accessibility Plan including the composition of the Accessibility Advisory Committee and the criteria of the Inclusivity Award, previously the Accessibility Award, which is awarded at the Town's annual Community Recognition Awards.

Moved by Gordon Barnes

Seconded by Jo-anne Spitzer

1. That the memorandum regarding Town of Aurora 2018-2024 Accessibility Plan be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommend to Council:
 - (a) That the 2018-2024 Accessibility Plan be approved; **and**
 - (b) **That the Accessibility Award be reinstated as a category of the Town's Community Recognition Awards, in addition to the Inclusivity Award, and awarded to an individual, group or business that has contributed to the elimination of barriers for people with disabilities in Aurora; and**

- (c) **That the Terms of Reference for the Accessibility Advisory Committee be reviewed to increase the number of members; and**
- (d) **That staff develop a recruitment, public outreach and education strategy for the Accessibility Advisory Committee within three (3) months.**

Carried as amended

2. Round Table Discussion

Re: National Access Awareness Week 2018 – Aurora Accessibility Event

The Committee discussed various options for the Aurora Accessibility Event during National Access Awareness Week, including activities to highlight and celebrate the following four pillars: education, celebration, participation, and accomplishments.

The Committee requested that staff circulate the date, venue and draft work plan for the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of February 7, 2018.

Moved by James Hoyes

Seconded by Jo-anne Spitzer

- 1. That the comments and suggestions of the Committee regarding an Aurora Accessibility Event during National Access Awareness Week 2018 be referred to staff for consideration and action as appropriate.

Carried

6. Informational Items

3. Memorandum from Accessibility Advisor

Re: Community Transportation Grant Program – Municipal Stream

Staff provided an overview of the Community Transportation Grant Program – Municipal Stream, including the deadline, eligibility requirements and program guidelines.

For local community transportation projects, the Committee discussed potential community organizations with transportation assets or resources to partner with to meet the eligibility requirements of the grant program.

As the deadline for submitting the full application is February 28, 2018, the Committee requested an update at the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of February 7, 2018.

Moved by Councillor Abel
Seconded by John Lenchak

1. That the memorandum regarding Community Transportation Grant Program – Municipal Stream be received for information.

Carried

7. New Business

Staff provided an overview of the Transit Assistance Program (TAP) being offered by York Region—a one-year pilot program to help make transit more affordable for eligible residents—which will run from April 2018 to March 2019, with applications being accepted by Access York starting on January 22, 2018. Staff noted that the information flyer circulated by York Region is posted at Access Aurora and will be included on the agenda for the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of February 7, 2018.

The Committee discussed barriers to accessible General Committee and Council meetings including the cancellation of Council meeting coverage on the Aurora Rogers TV community channel, the need for a barrier-free Council Chambers, and challenges with the audio/visual system in Council Chambers.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Abel
Seconded by John Lenchak

That the meeting be adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Carried