



Town of Aurora  
Accessibility Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, May 8, 2019
<b>Time and Location:</b>	7 p.m., Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall
<b>Committee Members:</b>	John Lenchak (Chair), Hailey Reiss (Vice Chair), Matthew Abas, Jo-anne Spitzer, and Councillor Rachel Gilliland
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Gordon Barnes and Max Le Moine
<b>Other Attendees:</b>	Mat Zawada, Accessibility Advisor, and Nicole Trudeau, Committee Coordinator

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

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved by Councillor Gilliland**

**Seconded by Jo-anne Spitzer**

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, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50*.

**3. Receipt of the Minutes**

**Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2019**

**Moved by Councillor Gilliland**  
**Seconded by Matthew Abas**

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of April 3, 2019, be received for information.

**Carried**

#### **4. Delegations**

None

#### **5. Matters for Consideration**

##### **1. Round Table Discussion** **Re: National AccessAbility Week**

Staff provided an update on the activities taking place during National AccessAbility Week, being recognized from May 26 to June 1, 2019, including an open house on Friday, May 31, 2019, from 4:00 p.m. to 6 p.m., at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex, along with external communication initiatives (Twitter, Facebook and advertising posters).

**Moved by Jo-anne Spitzer**  
**Seconded by Matthew Abas**

1. That the comments and suggestions regarding National AccessAbility Week be received and referred to staff for consideration and action as appropriate.

**Carried**

##### **2. Round Table Discussion** **Re: Town of Aurora Accessibility Plan 2018 to 2024**

Staff provided an update on the status of project Item #11-2010 in Appendix "B" – Recommended Accessibility Items 2018-2024 of the Accessibility Plan, for captioning to be included for streaming of Council and Committee meetings.

The Committee agreed that Item #11-2010 should be removed from Appendix “B” – Recommended Accessibility Items 2018-2024 and that the associated costs of \$15,000 per year be reallocated.

**Moved by Jo-anne Spitzer**  
**Seconded by Hailey Reiss**

1. That the comments and suggestions regarding the Town of Aurora Accessibility Plan 2018 to 2024 be received and referred to staff for consideration and action as appropriate.

**Carried**

### **3. Round Table Discussion**

#### **Re: Accessibility Trailer – Whitchurch-Stouffville**

Staff provided an update on the financial contributions made to the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville to fund the accessible trailer, including donations from community fundraising, Magna International, Town of Newmarket, Town of Georgina, and York Region.

The Committee continued to discuss the financial contributions made to Whitchurch-Stouffville to fund the accessible trailer, including the donation from the Town of Aurora, along with suggestions to give or exchange information with community contacts and affected municipalities, together with their accessibility advisory committees, as the Chair will be the lead on behalf of the Committee.

**Moved by Councillor Gilliland**  
**Seconded by Matthew Abas**

1. That the comments and suggestions regarding the Accessibility Trailer – Whitchurch-Stouffville be received and referred to staff for consideration and action as appropriate.

**Carried**

**4. Round Table Discussion**  
**Re: Changes to Social Assistance**

Ms. Reiss provided an overview of the changes to social assistance through Ontario's two social assistance programs, Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program.

The Committee discussed limited rate increases, earned income exemptions and the changes to the definition of disability, along with the impact on those individuals currently on and applying for Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program in the future.

**Moved by Matthew Abas**  
**Seconded by Jo-anne Spitzer**

**Recommended:**

1. That the comments and suggestions regarding the Changes to Social Assistance be received for information.

**Carried**

**6. Informational Items**

In response to the Committee wanting to reach out to inspire businesses to become more inclusive, staff noted that a handbook from the Ontario BIA Association called "The Business of Accessibility: How to Make Your Main Street Business Accessibility Smart" will be added to the Accessibility Advisory Committee agenda on June 5, 2019, for discussion, as the handbook offers no-cost and low-cost suggestions.

**7. Adjournment**

**Moved by Councillor Gilliland**  
**Seconded by Matthew Abas**

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**Carried**