



Brock Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Electronic Meeting

Minutes

Present: Jolene Munro, Donna Schirle, Jodi Foreman, Councillor Lynn Campbell, Tony Laundrie, Karen Hakonson,

Staff Present: Maralee Drake, Clerk's Assistant (recording the minutes), Fernando Lamanna, Clerk/Deputy CAO

1. Call to Order

Chair Foreman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Clerk/Deputy CAO introduced himself and thanked the committee members for their contributions and insights throughout their terms of service.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Karen Hakonson that the minutes of the May 18, 2021 meeting be approved, with the upcoming meeting date amended to September 21, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Hearing of Deputations

None

4. General Items

- 1) Township of Brock Accessibility Award

The committee reviewed the two nominations that were submitted and nominees from previous years.

Moved by Donna Schirle That BAAC recommend the Nourish and Develop Foundation Thrift Hub be nominated for the 2021 Township of Brock Accessibility Award for their automatic doors, ramps, spacious aisles and friendly offers of assistance to shoppers.

MOTION CARRIED

The committee discussed the nomination for Ms. Munro, who advised that she would like to bring forward a nomination for The Nourish and Develop Foundation's(TNDF) Mobile Food Market.

Moved by Karen Hakonson that BAAC recommend a second 2021 Township of Brock Accessibility Award be presented, and that Jolene Munro be nominated for the 2021 Township of Brock Accessibility Award for her longstanding dedication and engagement in the Brock Accessibility Advisory Committee, and for her numerous actions and presence as a role model that promote and support accessibility throughout our community.

MOTION CARRIED

2) Durham Region Accessibility Award

The committee discussed the merits of TNDF Mobile Food Market and how the service benefits residents from throughout the municipality.

Moved by Jolene Munro that The Nourish and Develop Foundation, Mobile Food Market be nominated for the 2021 Durham Region Accessibility Award for their efforts in providing healthy food to residents throughout the Township, specifically to those residents who are located in food deserts, or who many have difficult travelling and leaving their homes, especially during a pandemic.

MOTION CARRIED

3) Tri-AAC Meeting – October 6, 2021

The committee reviewed the draft Tri-AAC agenda and confirmed who would be able to attend.

Chair Foreman suggested that during the roundtable portion of the discussion that each committee member could introduce themselves, advise how long they have been a member of BAAC and their reason for joining the committee.

The committee discussed the creation of a joint statement for awareness and community engagement and determined that BAAC should create its own statement, specific to Brock Township's services and unique characteristics.

The committee discussed digital accessibility and how the COVID-19 pandemic has increased the number of people who are using technology but has also brought forward an increase of technical difficulties to navigate.

The Clerk/Deputy CAO left the meeting.

4) Durham Region Joint AAC Meeting

The Deputy Clerk advised the meeting will be held virtually on November 23, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

5) Durham Region Accessibility Report

The Deputy Clerk advised the report was for the committee's information.

The committee discussed installation of automatic doors, and the need for the door at the Sunderland Town Hall to be updated. Ms. Hakonson advised that doors that open automatically with a sensor can have many technical difficulties and that a push button door is more reliable.

Ms. Schirle noted that the Sunderland Town Hall Board wishes for the historical aesthetic of the building to be maintained and for the automatic door to look like it belongs to the building, and not stand out visually.

6) Accessible Beach Access

Chair Foreman advised that other municipalities such as Goderich have installed specialized infrastructure to allow for person who require use of an assistive device to get down to the water, and that they are frequently utilized by visitors.

Moved by Donna Schirle that Accessible Beach Access Points be considered in the 2022 Budget Discussions for both the Beaverton Harbour Beach and Thorah Centennial Beach.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Campbell enquired as to the status of the list of suggested improvements for the harbour that was developed by BAAC after the 2019 Accessibility Challenge to which the Deputy Clerk advised she would follow up.

7) Annual Report to Council – Spring 2022

The Deputy Clerk advised that the annual committee presentation has been moved from December of 2021 to Spring 2022 and that the presentation will be all encompassing to include the accomplishments of the committee over the past four years, and suggestions and recommendations for the committee moving forward.

5. Other Items & Inquiries

1) New Business

Ms. Schirle enquired if the bench on Cameron Street in Cannington was replaced to which the Deputy Clerk advised she would follow up.

2) Next Meeting Date – November 30, 2021

6. Adjournment

Moved by Lynn Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED