



Brock Accessibility Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Electronic Meeting

Minutes

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

Absent: Tony Laundrie

Staff Present: Maralee Drake, Clerk's Assistant (recording the minutes)

1. Call to Order

Chair Foreman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Jolene Munro that the minutes of the September 21, 2021 meeting be approved.

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3. Hearing of Deputations

None

4. General Items

1) Durham Region Joint AAC Meeting

Councillor Campbell provided an overview of the speakers from the Durham Region Joint AAC meeting and encouraged everyone to watch the recording of the meeting on December 3rd when it is posted to the Durham Region website.

Ms. Munro provided a summary of the event and noted the Honorable David C. Onley was a very engaging speaker who ended his speech with three key take ways for accessibility – Transcendence, Equality and Integration.

Ms. Foreman enquired if there was any discussion about the deadline of 2025 to be fully accessible to which she was advised not, but that David Onley noted he had just concluded his third review and was disappointed that none of his recommendations have been adopted by the province.

2) MYAP – review and input on next report

The Deputy Clerk advised that she is working on the annual status report for the current Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (MYAP), and that a new four-year plan will be created in early 2022. She requested input from the committee and advised that the committee would continue to discuss the plan throughout 2022.

Chair Foreman suggested clarification of the role of the committee in the next MYAP. The committee discussed their role as an Advisory Committee of Council and how Accessibility Advisory Committee's in neighbouring municipalities operate. The committee reached consensus that they do not wish to provide technical information on Site Plans, reports, etc. and that they would prefer to continue with their role as an advocacy and advisory committee. Clarification of this role may help with member recruitment.

The Deputy Clerk advised she would update that section of the MYAP and revise the committee's Terms of Reference for consideration by the new term of Council.

3) Joint Community Event in 2022 (Tri-AAC) Follow up

The committee discussed hosting a joint event with the AACs in Uxbridge and Scugog and decided that a joint event would only be beneficial if held electronically, as travelling long distances may prohibit members of the public to attend.

Chair Foreman suggested that a joint committee be formed between the three AACs. The Deputy Clerk advised she would follow up on next steps.

4) Sidewalk Master Plan Update

The Deputy Clerk provided an update on which sidewalks have been updated in 2021 in accordance with the Sidewalk Master Plan.

The committee enquired how often the plan was updated to which Councillor Campbell advised it is a living document that prioritizes and budget for upgrades to each sidewalk in the municipality.

Ms. Hakonson enquired as to the cost for the sidewalk work completed this year, and what requirements are for new developments to which the Deputy Clerk advised she would follow up.

5) 2022 Meeting Schedule

The Deputy Clerk advised all Advisory Committees that the meetings will continue to be held virtually and will conclude by summer recess as 2022 is an election year, and that the committee will have one or two standing items for continual review throughout the remainder of their term.

The Deputy Clerk also noted that at the conclusion of the term, the committee would present a summary report and recommendations to Council.

Moved by Karen Hakonson that the 2022 Brock Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule be approved.

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5. Other Items & Inquiries

1) New Business

Councillor Campbell advised that the presentations took place for the 2021 Township of Brock Accessibility Awards.

Ms. Munro noted that the Accessibility Award nomination form is specific to only businesses and organizations being eligible for nomination, and that it does not include individuals. The Deputy Clerk advised that she would amend the forms as required.

2) Next Meeting Date – January 18, 2022.

6. Adjournment

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

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