



Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: February 24, 2025
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers
7 Broadway Street West
Paris, ON

Present: Member's Baird, Foster, Craig, and Councillor Oakley

Regrets: Mayor Bailey, Member's Smith, Solak, Yantzi, and Van Berkel

Staff: Yarek, Plant, Thomas, Robb, and Allison.

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Councillor Oakley in the Chair.

1. Attendance

Attendance was taken noting quorum was not achieved. The meeting proceeded for information purposes only.

Councillor Oakley assumed the Chair.

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

None.

4. Delegations / Petitions / Presentations

None.

5. Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings

5.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes of November 18, 2024

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. Site Plan Control Applications

7.1 Onondaga Ball Park Retrofit

Meagan Thomas, Landscape Design Architect, presented the Onondaga Ball Park retrofit to the committee for their review and comment.

In response to questions, M. Thomas advised the pickleball equipment will be distributed on a first come first serve basis and will also follow an honour system.

7.2 Arlington Meadows Concept Plans

Sheena Yarek - Snyder, Accessibility and Inclusion Coordinator, presented the Arlington Meadows concept plans to the committee as a follow up of the email sent to Members requesting that they review and comment on Engage Brant.

7.3 Fire Hall

Lindsay Plant, Facilities Project Coordinator, appeared before the committee and presented the fire hall architectural drawings for their review and comment.

In response to questions, L. Plant advised the space will be used primarily by staff members and will have publicly available washrooms and a room for rent.

7.4 New Washroom - Guakel

L. Plant presented the new Gaukel Memorial outdoor washrooms for the committee's review and comment.

Member Baird noted the need for the largest possible height when installing toilets (nineteen inches).

8. Staff Reports

8.1 Communication Boards

M. Thomas the communication board concept to the committee and requested their feedback on proposed locations.

The committee advised of the most populous areas in the park, as well as entrances and exits would find the most benefit of the communication boards.

S. Yarek - Snyder suggested connecting with the Lansdowne Children's Centre regarding their most commonly used symbols.

8.2 Council Hearing Loop

Gary Porter, Technical Production Specialist, appeared before the committee and presented the newly installed Council Chambers hearing loop. He presented the 3 options for accessing the hearing loop and noted staff have 3 headphone devices available for use in person including sanitation wipes.

The committee requested a larger sign to identify the hearing loop including a downloadable QR code as well as comprehensive communication of the new system.

8.3 St. George Fire Hall

S. Yarek - Snyder advised of a resident complaint regarding the St. George Fire Hall not being accessible to Member Yantzi. Staff have since confirmed the level of accessibility at the firehall and thanked Member Yantzi for bringing to staffs attention.

8.4 2024 MYAP Accomplishment List

S. Yarek - Snyder circulated the 2024 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (MYAP) Accomplishment List to the committee.

8.5 Community and Safety Well Being Plan

S. Yarek - Snyder advised that the committee will be asked to review the Community and Safety Well Being Plan in the near future.

8.6 Accessible Brant Award

S. Yarek - Snyder encouraged the committee to begin thinking about nominations for the Accessible Brant Award for 2025.

9. A.C.E.S. - Accessible Community Examples Salute

None.

10. Communications

None.

11. Other Business

11.1 Snow Clearing

Member Baird presented the snow clearing issue on Grand River St N. from earlier in the month.

In response to questions, S. Yarek - Snyder advised that this location is the County's responsibility to remove the snow and has since been removed. She also requested any future incidents be brought to attention so they can be addressed for immediate action. If Members are ever unsure who to contact, these types of things can be brought to her attention.

12. Next Meeting and Adjournment

Committee adjourned at 1:41 p.m., to meet again on April 28, 2025 at the County of Brant Council Chambers.

Secretary