



Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: November 18, 2024
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers
 7 Broadway Street West
 Paris, ON

Present: Mayor Bailey, Councillor Oakley, Members Baird, Foster, Craig, V. Smith, and Yantzi

Regrets: Members Solak and Van Berkel

Staff: Jackson, Yarek, Thomas, Grice, and Allison.

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Member Baird in the Chair.

1. Attendance

Attendance was taken.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Member Foster
 Seconded by Member V. Smith

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Agenda for November 18, 2024, be approved.

Carried

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 September 16, 2024

Moved by Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Member Foster

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes of September 16, 2024, be approved.

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. Site Plan Control Applications

None.

8. Staff Reports

8.1 Winter Sidewalk Maintenance - G. Demers

Greg Demers, Director of Roads, appeared before the committee and gave a brief overview of the winter sidewalk maintenance program.

8.2 Accessible Parking on Grand River Street North Following Reconstruction

Adam Crozier, Director of Corporate Strategy, and Joe Murphy, Capital Project Manager, appeared before the committee and presented on accessible parking on Grand River Street North following reconstruction. A. Crozier presented photo renderings of the overall design and the proposed reconstruction timeline.

Discussion took place surrounding varying level grades, 50% of the proposed stalls being accessible, and barrier free traffic moderators.

8.3 Staff Update

Lesley Jackson, Director of Community Partnerships, advised of Brian Grice's new role, Community Safety and Wellbeing Supervisor, noting he will no longer be the staff liaison to the committee.

8.4 Enabling Accessibility Program

Sheena Yarek - Snyder, Accessibility and Inclusion Supervisor, advised staff have applied for a grant for projects that make Canadian communities and workplaces more accessible for persons with disabilities.

8.5 MYAP 2025-2029

S. Yarek - Snyder advised the final draft of the Multi-Year Accessibility Program is complete and is awaiting Council approval.

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

Mayor Bailey directed staff provide a thank you letter to Brant Transit on behalf of the committee for their improvement to accessibility.

The committee requested A.C.E.S. - Accessible Community Examples Salute remain a standing agenda item for future meetings.

10. Communications

10.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Letter Regarding Committee Review Decision

Briar Allison, Deputy Clerk, briefly outlined the communication.

11. Other Business

11.1 Member Amy Roberts

Moved by Member Foster

Seconded by Member V. Smith

That the seat, previously held by Member Roberts, be declared vacant.

Carried

12. Next Meeting and Adjournment

Committee adjourned at 1:42 pm to meet again at the call of the Chair at the County of Brant Council Chambers.

Secretary