

Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee

Minutes

Date: Monday, November 25, 2019
Time: 12:00 pm
Location: Tecumseh Town Hall - Council Chambers
917 Lesperance Road
Tecumseh, Ontario N8N 1W9

Present:
Councillor, Tania Jobin
Chair, Ron Matysek
Member, Ron Doherty
Member, David Golden
Member, Linda Stanczak

Absent:
Member, Catherine Rutherford

Also Present:
Director Parks & Recreation Services, Paul Anthony
Director Public Works & Environmental Services, Phil Bartnik
Director Planning & Building Services, Brian Hillman
Manager Planning Services, Chad Jeffery
Manager Roads & Fleet, Kirby McArdle
Deputy Clerk & Manager Legislative Services, Jennifer Alexander

A. Call to Order

The Chairperson calls the meeting to order at 12:15 pm.

B. Roll Call

C. Moment of Silence - Passing of Mary Anne Askin

D. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None reported.

E. Delegations

1. Chad Jeffery, Manager Planning Services

Re: Presentation on Transportation

Manager Planning Services provides a brief overview of the Transit service. He notes adding the stop at Tecumseh Mall has substantially

increased ridership. There is a low floor accessible bus with room for two wheelchairs now in service to accommodate riders.

In response to a query, transfer passes from the Town to Windsor are still not accepted with Windsor buses. Passengers would still have to pay the Windsor transit fare. Administration has had some discussions with the City of Windsor and will continue to raise the issue.

A question is raised on offering a reduced fare for disabled persons. The member explains that if a person is a disability support recipient, they can provide these documents to the Town and receive a pass card to ride the bus at the seniors' rate. Manager Planning Services will further investigate options.

A member inquired on regional transit service and if there is connectivity to the Town of Lakeshore. Manager Planning Services explains that the Town of Lakeshore does not have transit service at this time.

2. Paul Anthony, Director Parks & Recreation Services

Re: Town Hall Renovations

Director Park & Recreation Services, provides a brief update on the Committee's recommendations on the Town Hall renovations. The recommendations will be incorporated regarding the automatic sliding doors and ramp adjustment at the front entrance. He explains that during construction, there will be some disruptions to service delivery.

3. Paul Anthony, Director Parks & Recreation Services

Re: McAuliffe Park Washrooms and Splash Pad

Director Parks & Recreation Services provides an update on the renovation at McAuliffe Park. The washrooms were fully renovated. McAuliffe splash pad will go out to tender in 2020 for the summer. The pad will be bigger than the one at St. Mary's Park.

The size of the change table is raised and if it will be able to accommodate adults. The Director explains that they are still reviewing options.

In response to an inquiry regarding gender free change rooms, the Director indicates that there is a room available for anyone to use.

F. Communications

1. TAAC Minutes - June 4, 2019

Motion: TAAC - 09/19

Moved By Member Ron Doherty

Seconded By Councillor Tania Jobin

That the minutes of the June 4, 2019 meeting of the Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee as were duplicated and delivered to the members, **be adopted**.

Carried

2. Letter of Support to Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport dated October 18, 2019

Re: Support for the Town's proposed multi-use sports plex.

3. Accessibility Advisory Committee Projects Webinar, held September 25, 2019

Link to recording of webinar held September 25, 2019

4. International Day for People with Disabilities

5. National AccessAbility Week, 2020

Link to website on National AccessAbility Week, 2020 - May 21 - June 1, 2020

It is requested that the members bring ideas for the National AccessAbility Week to the next meeting for discussion.

Motion: TAAC - 10/19

Moved By Member Linda Stanczak

Seconded By Councillor Tania Jobin

That Communications - For Information 1 through 5 as listed on the November 25, 2019 Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee Agenda **be received**.

Carried

Motion: TAAC - 11/19

Moved By Member Linda Stanczak

Seconded By Councillor Tania Jobin

That Administration be directed to draft a request for Council to support and proclaim May 21 to June 1, 2020 National AccessAbility Week in the Town.

Carried

G. Reports

There are no reports presented to the Committee.

H. Unfinished Business

There are no unfinished business items presented to the Committee.

I. New Business

1. TAAC Handbook

The Chair has been drafting a handbook for new members joining the committee.

2. 2019 Accessibility Compliance Report

Deputy Clerk & Manager Legislative Services provides an overview of the 2019 Accessibility Compliance report that is completed and filed every two years by the Town.

3. 2019 - 2024 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

The Members request additional time to review the 2019-2024 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan and to discuss at the next meeting.

4. 2020 Accessibility Plan

The members request additional time to review the Plan and discuss at the next meeting.

5. Social Media Update (Facebook)

There was no update provided at this time.

6. David Lepofsky, County of Essex Accessibility Advisory Workshop

The Chair attended a recent County of Essex Accessibility Advisory Committee workshop featuring David Lepofsky, an accessibility advocate. He presents highlights from the workshop regarding the challenges with accessibility across Ontario and various initiatives that individuals can implement in their community.

J. Next Meeting

Motion: TAAC - 11/19

Moved By Member Linda Stanczak

Seconded By Councillor Tania Jobin

That the next meeting of the Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee **be held** on February 25, 2019 at 12:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

Carried

K. Adjournment

Motion: TAAC - 12/19

Moved By Member Linda Stanczak

Seconded By Councillor Tania Jobin

That there being no further business, the November 25, 2019 meeting of the Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee **be adjourned** at 1:30 pm.

Carried

Ron Matysek, Chairperson

Jennifer Alexander, Deputy Clerk