

Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee

Minutes

Date: Thursday, February 10, 2022
Time: 2:00 pm
Location: Electronic meeting live streamed at:
<https://video.isilive.ca/tecumseh/live.html>.

Present:
Councillor, Tania Jobin
Chair, Ron Matysek
Member, Melissa Bloomfield
Member, Ron Doherty
Member, David Golden
Member, Catherine Rutherford
Member, Linda Stanczak

Also Present:
Director Legislative Services & Clerk, Laura Moy
Deputy Clerk & Manager Legislative Services, Jennifer Alexander
Manager Planning Services & Local Economic Development, Chad Jeffery
Manager Public Works & Transportation, Kirby McArdle

A. Roll Call

B. Call to Order

The Chairperson calls the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

C. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There is no pecuniary interest declared by a Member.

D. Delegations

There are no delegations presented to the committee.

E. Communications

1. **Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes - October 14, 2021**
2. **Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC) dated December 20, 2021**

Re: [OHRC letter to Ontario government minister on the online health card renewal service \(View here\)](#)

A Member expresses her experience and challenges with renewing her son's health card during the pandemic and guardianship of disabled children over the age of 18.

3. **Statistics Canada dated January 10, 2022**

Re: [Pilot Study on Everyday Well-Being \(View here\)](#)

Survey closes on March 31, 2022

The goal of collecting and analyzing this real-time, self-reported data is to gain a better understanding of the factors, particularly the impact of arts and cultural activities, that can influence the day-to-day changes in emotional moods and mental states of participants, especially at a time when COVID-19 has had an impact on the physical and emotional well-being of so many Canadians.

The Chair encourages the members to participate in the survey to promote ideas to influence change.

4. **University of Windsor dated January 31, 2022**

Re: [UWindsor President Hopes for Pandemic Experience Leads to Better Accessibility for Learners \(View here\)](#)

5. **Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Alliance dated January 31, 2022**

Re: [Onley Report \(View here\)](#)

Motion: TAAC - 01/22

Moved By Member Ron Doherty

Seconded By Member Linda Stanczak

That Communications - For Information 1 through 5 as listed on the Thursday, February 10, 2022 Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee Agenda, **be received.**

Carried

Motion: TAAC - 02/22

Moved By Councillor Tania Jobin
Seconded By Member Linda Stanczak

That the October 14, 2021 minutes of the Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee as were duplicated and delivered to the members, **be adopted.**

Carried

F. Reports

1. LCS-2021-37 Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement

The Director Legislative Services & Clerk highlights the report and reads the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement. She explains that this acknowledgement will be an item on all Council, Committee and Board agendas, and will be read by the Chair at every meeting and recorded in the meeting minutes.

2. 2018-2023 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

The Deputy Clerk advises on the current Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (Plan) is for the period 2018-2023. Members are encouraged to review the current Plan and to bring suggestions and recommendations to the next meeting for Multi-Year Plan beyond 2023. Administration will begin updating the Plan, based on the regulations in the IASR for 2022-2025, and present a draft at the next meeting for review.

Discussion ensues on continuing to hold electronic virtual meetings for this committee, and reviewing of internet and telephone procedures for the upcoming Municipal and School Board Elections.

3. 2021-2022 Accessibility Plan

The Deputy Clerk advises the Annual Accessibility Plan for 2022-2023 also needs to be drafted and will be primarily based on the achievements for these year set out in the IASR and Multi-Year Plan.

G. Unfinished Business

Manning Road and County Road 42

The Manager Roads and Transportation explains that the installation of sidewalks along Manning Road and County Road 42, which includes Tim Hortons, will occur during the reconstruction of County Road 42. Councillor Jobin advised that the final drawings on the reconstruction of County Road 42 will be presented to County Council soon and will be posted to the County's website.

CP Rail Tracks

The Manager Roads and Transportation advises that staff attended the CP Tracks on Lesperance Road and took pictures and measurements of the tracks condition. The Manager will follow-up by contacting CP Rail to make them aware of the tracks condition.

H. New Business**1. Joint Meeting of the Local Accessibility Advisory Committee Chairs**

The Chair, Ron Matysek, and Members Melissa Bloomfield and Catherine Rutherford express interest in attending a Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting hosted by the County of Essex Accessibility Advisory Committee.

2. National Disability Week

The Clerk notes that AccessAbility Week is May 29 to June 4, 2022. The Committee members previously expressed interest in recognizing the week prior to the pandemic. The Members agreed that they would like to recognize the week through a social media campaign using the Town's social media to create awareness for accessibility. Members Catherine Rutherford, Melissa Bloomfield and Ron Matysek will take the lead in drafting some posts for the Town's social media and will present them at the Committee's next meeting.

I. Next Meeting

The next Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting will be held on April 28, 2022.

J. Adjournment

Motion: TAAC - 03/22

Moved By Member Ron Doherty

Seconded By Member Linda Stanczak

That there being no further business, the Thursday, February 10, 2022 meeting of the Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee **be adjourned** at 3:10 pm.

Carried

Ron Matysek, Chairperson

Laura Moy, Clerk