

**Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee**  
**Minutes**

Date: Thursday, April 6, 2023  
Time: 1:30 pm  
Location: Electronic meeting live streamed at:  
<https://video.isilive.ca/tecumseh/live.html>.

Present:  
Chair, Alicia Higgison  
Member, Melissa Bloomfield  
Member, Tracey Crow  
Councillor, Ron Matysek  
Member, Patrick Strong

Absent:  
Member, Ron Doherty  
Member, Christine Quaglia

Also Present:  
Director Legislative Services & Clerk, Robert Auger  
Deputy Clerk & Manager Legislative Services, Jennifer Alexander

**A. Roll Call**

**B. Call to Order**

The Clerk calls the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

**C. Election of a Position**

1. Position of Chair

**Motion: TAAC - 01/23**

Moved By Councillor Ron Matysek  
Seconded By Member Melissa Bloomfield

**That** Alicia Higgison be appointed Chair for the Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Carried

**D. Land Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge that we are on land and surrounded by water, originally inhabited by Indigenous Peoples who have travelled this area since time immemorial. This territory is within the lands honoured by the Wampum Treaties; agreements between the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Leni Lenape and allied Nations to peacefully share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. Specifically, we would like to acknowledge the presence of the Three Fires Confederacy Ojibwe, Odawa, Potawatomi and Huron/Wendat Peoples. We are dedicated to honouring Indigenous history and culture while remaining committed to moving forward respectfully with all First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

**E. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

There is no pecuniary interest declared by a Member of the Committee.

**F. Delegations**

There are no delegations presented to the Committee.

**G. Communications**

There are no Communication items presented to the Committee.

**H. Reports**

There are no Reports presented to the Committee.

**I. Unfinished Business**

There are no Unfinished Business items presented to the Committee.

**J. New Business**

1. National AccessAbility Week

Re: May 29- June 4

The Deputy Clerk advised the Members on past events in honour of the week. The Members agreed to continue to have a social media awareness campaign, a flag raising ceremony, and encourage Town staff to wear red on a designated day.

Discussion ensues on items for the social media campaign. Members will email their ideas to the Deputy Clerk by April 21, 2023.

**Motion: TAAC - 02/23**

Moved By Councillor Ron Matysek

Seconded By Chair Alicia Higgison

**That** Council give consideration to support the following initiatives in honour National AccessAbility Week (May 29th to June 4) to include:

- A flag raising ceremony at the Tecumseh Town Hall on Monday May 29, 2023 at 10 am and that the flag be raised for the duration of the week (May 29 to June 4);
- Administration in collaboration with TAAC Members develop a social media campaign to raise public awareness on accessibility in the community to be post during the week;
- Illuminate Town Hall the colour red.

Carried

2. Accessible Parking at St. Clair Beach Optimist Club

The Clerk presents an accessible parking concern the Town received regarding St. Clair Beach Optimist Club parking lot. He advises on the current allocations of accessible parking spots and notes that the Town is adding an additional accessible parking spot for a total of three spots. He explains that the current allocations meet regulations with the Town's Zoning By-laws. The Clerk asks the members if there are any additional considerations to consider with the current parking lot.

A Member inquires on the curb separating the two lots as it could present a barrier. It is requested that Administration follow up on the curb and access points for better flow to the entrance of the building.

A Member inquires on the Optimist Club's trailer parked at the front of the building and if it could be moved in the future if parking availability becomes an issue.

**K. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday May 18, 2023 at 1:30 pm.

**L. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:07 pm.

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Alicia Higgison, Chairperson

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Robert Auger, Clerk