

Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee
Minutes

Date: Friday, October 27, 2023
Time: 1:00 pm
Location: Electronic meeting live streamed at:
<https://video.isilive.ca/tecumseh/live.html>.

Present:
Chair, Alicia Higgison
Member, Melissa Bloomfield
Member, Ron Matysek
Member, Christine Quaglia
Member, Patrick Strong

Absent:
Member, Tracey Crow
Member, Ron Doherty

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

A. Roll Call

B. Call to Order

The Chairperson calls the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.

C. 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.

D. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

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

E. Delegations

1. Town Hall Accessible Back Door and Ramp Updates

Re; Dan Wolicki, Manager Facilities & Energy Management

The Manager Facilities & Energy provides a overview of the renovations completed with the back doors of Town Hall with sliding doors for greater accessibility. He advises on the current construction improvements to the backdoor ramp.

The Chair opens the floor for questions by the members. There are no questions raised.

F. Communications

1. AODA Toolbox

October 2023 Newsletter - [View here](#)

2. Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act Alliance dated October 2, 2023

Re: Independent Review of Ontario's Disabilities Act - [Read here](#)

Motion: TAAC - 03/23

Moved By Member Melissa Bloomfield
Seconded By Member Ron Matysek

That Communications - For Information 1 and 2 as listed on the Friday, October 27, 2023 Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee Agenda, **be received.**

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. **Multi Year Accessibility Plan 2024-2028**

The Deputy Clerk & Manager Legislative Services provides an overview of the proposed 2024-2028 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan as appended on the agenda. The Chair opens the floor for questions from the Members.

The Chair inquired on our processes for remediation of accessible documents. The Deputy Clerk explained with Town staff are currently processing and making documents accessible and advised of features incorporated in the Town's website for navigation ease.

The Clerk advised that there is still plenty of opportunity for a member to email any comments or questions about the Plan for consideration.

Motion: TAAC - 04/23

Moved by Member Melissa Bloomfield

Seconded by Member Ron Matsyk

That the Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee **support** the Draft 2024-2028 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan and be presented to Council for final approval.

Carried

2. Invisible Disabilities Workshop - October 19, 2023

Re: Verbal Presentation from Member, Patrick Strong

Member Patrick Strong provides his insights to the Invisible Disabilities workshop hosted by the County.

3. **Council Meeting Agendas and Livestream Video**

Demonstration of Council meeting agenda integrated with livestream video

The Deputy Clerk & Manager Legislative Services demonstrates the livestream video integration with Council and Committee meeting agendas on the Town's website. Each agenda item will no have the ability to view the corresponding video. Closed caption option was also shown for their awareness.

J. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

K. Adjournment

Motion: TAAC - 05/23

Moved By Member Melissa Bloomfield
Seconded By Member Patrick Strong

That there being no further business, the Friday, October 27, 2023 meeting of the Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee **be adjourned** at 1:55 pm.

Carried

Alicia Higgison, Chairperson

Robert Auger, Clerk