

Minutes of the Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee
For the Corporation of The Town of Tecumseh

A meeting of the Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee for the Town of Tecumseh was scheduled to be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, in the Council Chambers at Town Hall, 917 Lesperance Road, Tecumseh at 12:00pm.

1. Call to Order

The Chairperson calls the meeting to order at 12:07 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present:
Councillor
Chair
Member
Member
Member
Member

Tania Jobin
Ron Matysek
Ron Doherty
David Golden
Catherine Rutherford
Linda Stanczak

Absent:
Member

Mary Ann Askin

Also Present:

Director Parks & Recreation Services
Director Public Works & Environmental Services
Director Planning & Building Services
Director Corporate Services & Clerk
Deputy Clerk & Manager Legislative Services,
Manager Roads & Fleet

Paul Anthony
Phil Bartnik
Brian Hillman
Laura Moy
Jennifer Alexander
Kirby McArdle

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There is no disclosure of pecuniary interest by a member of the Committee.

4. Delegations

a. Town of Tecumseh Website Redesign - Mr. Shaun Fuerth, Director Information & Communications Services

The link is provided to the Members for the new Town of Tecumseh website (www.tecumseh.ca).

The Director Information Technology and Communication Services presents to the Committee the Town's new website. He explains that all the written content is WCAG 2.0 Level AA standard which is compliant with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA). The Accessible Customer Service Feedback Form is reviewed as well as the BrowseAloud web screen reader software. Members are informed that the Town will be webcasting Council meetings in the future, which will be closed-captioned.

A member inquires if a person with a low vision disability has used the BrowseAloud software. The Director Information Technology and Communication Services explains that the Town has not had a person test this software. He notes that the company assisting with the website is satisfied with the software accessibility capabilities.

Member Linda Stanczak has a friend with a visual disability that could review the software to ensure the software is meeting expectations. She will report on the findings to the Committee at the next meeting.

b. Renovation of Town Hall - Mr. Shaun Fuerth, Director Information and Communications Services (draft plan attached)

The Director Information Technology and Communication Services presents the proposed design of the Town Hall renovations. He notes the accessible features of the building including a new accessible washroom and redesigned outside entrance ramp.

A member inquires on the accessible parking located at the front of Town hall. It is suggested that there should be additional space allocated for the accessible parking spaces to allow persons with disabilities more room to access their vehicles. The Director Parks and Recreation Services states that this request can be accommodated.

A question regarding the egress from the entrance of the building is raised. A suggestion is made to have sliding entrance doors into Town Hall for ease of use for persons with disabilities. Furthermore, it is recommended that for the safety of all patrons that the stairs be painted to signal the end of the step.

A member raised a concern with the lip of the front door entrance being a challenge to enter the building with a wheelchair. The Director Parks and Recreation Services advises that this issue will be fixed in the renovation.

Councillor Tania Jobin and the Director Parks and Recreation Services leaves the meeting at 12:30 pm.

5. Communications

a. Minutes - March 27, 2019

Motion: TAAC - 04/19

Moved By	Member Linda Stanczak
Seconded By	Member Catherine Rutherford

That the March 27, 2019 minutes of the Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee, as were duplicated and delivered to the Members of Council, are accepted as amended to include a link and copies of the Municipal Accessible Advisory Committee Guide were circulated to the Members.

Carried

b. AODA Toolbox - May 2019

The Members are encouraged to subscribe to the AODA Tool box website for email notifications of their monthly newsletters.

Motion: TAAC - 05/19

Moved By	Member Linda Stanczak
Seconded By	Member Catherine Rutherford

That Communications - For Information item B as listed on the June 4, 2019 Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee Agenda be received.

Carried

6. Reports

a. Verbal Report from the Chair

Re: Webinar on April 30, 2019: Accessible Tourism in Your Community

The Chair provided highlights of the webinar on Accessible Tourism in Your Community. He notes the Accessible Entertainment Cards is an initiative that is widely used in the Town of Ajax. At participating businesses, the card allows for personal support workers to be admitted for free along with a purchased ticket. This is financially beneficial for a person with a disability as they may require assistance. This card is accepted at some businesses in Windsor. A suggestion is made to have more Tecumseh businesses accepting this card.

The Director Corporate Services and Clerk states that the Accessible Entertainment Cards information can be shared with the Parks and Recreation Services department, the Town of Tecumseh Business Improvement Area (TOTBIA) and service groups.

The Chair will email to the members the slides of the presentation.

7. Unfinished Business

Facebook Page

A request is made for the Committee to have a Facebook account to raise awareness on accessibility issues and share ideas within the community. Member Catherine Rutherford will manage the page for the Committee. The Director Information Technology and Communication Services will set up the Facebook page for the Committee.

Other social media platforms are discussed to assist with engaging the community and attracting new membership, especially youth. The Committee is interested in obtaining an Instagram account. The Director Information Technology and Communication Services advises that the Town is currently in the process of establishing an official Town of Tecumseh Instagram page and will keep the Committee informed when this option becomes available.

8. New Business

a. Discussion re: TAAC Involvement in National AccessAbility Week

Discussion is held on initiatives that the Committee could pursue for 2020

Motion: TAAC - 06/19

Moved By Member Linda Stanczak
Seconded By Member Ron Doherty

That the Committee formally invite the Chair of the Senior Advisory Committee to the next meeting of the Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting.

Carried

9. Next Meeting

Motion: TAAC - 07/19

Moved By Member Ron Doherty
Seconded By Member Linda Stanczak

That the next meeting of the Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 12:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

Carried

10. Adjournment

Motion: TAAC - 08/19

Moved By Member Catherine Rutherford
Seconded By Member Linda Stanczak

That there being no further business, the June 4, 2019 meeting of the Tecumseh Accessibility Advisory Committee now adjourn at 1:08 pm.

Carried

Ron Matysek, Chairperson

Laura Moy, Clerk