



**Town of Aurora  
Accessibility Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, June 7, 2023  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Location:** Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

**Committee Members:** Peter Angelo (Vice Chair)  
Max Le Moine  
John Lenchak  
Jo-anne Spitzer

**Members Absent:** Councillor Harold Kim (Chair)  
Alison Hughes  
Hailey Reiss

**Other Attendees:** Franco DeMarco, Recreation Supervisor, Community Programs  
Gary Greidanus, Senior Landscape Architect\*  
Phillip Rose, Manager, Cultural Services  
Gregory Peri, Accessibility Advisor  
Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

\*Attended electronically

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**1. Call to Order**

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**2. Land Acknowledgement**

The Committee acknowledged that the meeting took place on Anishinaabe lands, the traditional and treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island, recognizing the many other Nations whose presence here continues to this day, the special relationship the Chippewas have with the lands and waters of this territory, and that Aurora has shared responsibility for the stewardship of these lands and waters. It was noted that Aurora is part of the treaty lands of the

Mississaugas and Chippewas, recognized through Treaty #13 and the Williams Treaties of 1923.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved by** John Lenchak

**Seconded by** Jo-anne Spitzer

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

**Carried**

**4. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50*.

**5. Receipt of the Minutes**

**5.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2023**

**Moved by** Max Le Moine

**Seconded by** Jo-anne Spitzer

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting minutes of May 10, 2023, be received for information.

**Carried**

**6. Delegations**

None.

**7. Matters for Consideration**

**7.1 Memorandum from Recreation Supervisor, Community Programs; Re: Recreation Needs Assessment for Persons with Disabilities**

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum and timeline for the project. The Committee and staff discussed various aspects and suggestions including: the addition of braille to all signage in all facilities; inclusion of the AccessNow audit feedback in the project; scope of the

assessment; accessible surfaces in playgrounds and removal of obstructions to access; improvements to uneven surfaces and alignment with curbs; and preference to employ a consultant with lived experiences.

**Moved by** Jo-anne Spitzer

**Seconded by** John Lenchak

1. That the memorandum regarding Recreation Needs Assessment for Persons with Disabilities be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding Recreation Needs Assessment for Persons with Disabilities be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

**Carried**

## **7.2 Memorandum from Manager, Library Square; Re: Aurora Town Square Update and Site Plan**

Staff presented an update on the Aurora Town Square project through renderings and an overview of the site plan. The Committee and staff discussed various aspects and suggestions including: tactile walking surface indicators around the Square's water feature/splash pad; high contrasting indicators on glass walls and doors; audio induction loops and portable assistive listening devices; tactile walking surface indicators on stair landings; consideration to enclose open riser staircases; splash pad water depth and drainage; skating loop technology; accessible ramp maintenance; Amphitheatre accessible seating and addition of hand rails; indoor event space accessible seating; and art studio accessibility. Staff agreed to report back on any unanswered questions.

**Moved by** John Lenchak

**Seconded by** Max Le Moine

1. That the memorandum regarding Aurora Town Square Update and Site Plan be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding Aurora Town Square Update and Site Plan be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

**Carried**

**7.3 Memorandum from Director of Operations; Re: Summit Park Additional Amenities**

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum noting the plan to include any input from the Committee in a report back to Council in September. The Committee and staff discussed various aspects and suggestions including: accessible surfacing; consideration of a ramp; target age group of playground; and braille signage.

**Moved by** Max Le Moine

**Seconded by** Jo-anne Spitzer

1. That the memorandum regarding Summit Park Additional Amenities be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding Summit Park Additional Amenities be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

**Carried**

**7.4 Memorandum from Director of Operations; Re: Shining Hill Neighborhood Park - Preliminary Design**

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum and elements of the preliminary park design. The Committee and staff discussed various aspects and suggestions including: park users and easement agreement with Newmarket; paths of travel with adequate space and turning radius; park use allocation; accessible surfaces; accessible swing; barrier-free parking spaces; and splash pad surface and drainage.

**Moved by** Max Le Moine

**Seconded by** John Lenchak

1. That the memorandum regarding Shining Hill Neighbourhood Park - Preliminary Design be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding Shining Hill Neighbourhood Park - Preliminary Design be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

**Carried**

**7.5 Memorandum from Accessibility Advisor; Re: Site Plan Application OPA-2022-04, ZBA-2022-06, SUB-2022-01, SP- 2022-10 (Submission #2) 1452-1460 Wellington Street East**

Staff provided an overview of the site plan and comments to be submitted to the Planner on behalf of the Committee. The Committee and staff discussed various aspects of the site plan and further suggestions were made regarding consideration for: indication of the Type A barrier-free parking spaces; and clarification on the location of visitor parking, including barrier-free spaces, in Phases 1 and 2.

**Moved by** John Lenchak

**Seconded by** Max Le Moine

1. That the memorandum regarding Site Plan Application OPA-2022-04, ZBA-2022-06, SUB-2022-01, SP- 2022-10 (Submission #2) 1452-1460 Wellington Street East be received; and
2. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee comments regarding Site Plan Application OPA-2022-04, ZBA-2022-06, SUB-2022-01, SP- 2022-10 (Submission #2) be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

**Carried**

**7.6 Round Table Discussion; Re: Town of Aurora Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2022-2026**

[\(Link to Multi-Year Accessibility Plan\)](#)

**Motion to defer**

**Moved by** John Lenchak

**Seconded by** Jo-anne Spitzer

1. That the Round Table Discussion; Re: Town of Aurora Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2022-2026 be deferred to the next Committee meeting.

**Carried**

**8. Informational Items**

None.

**9. New Business**

None.

**10. Adjournment**

**Moved by** Max Le Moine

**Seconded by** John Lenchak

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

**Carried**